

### National Institute on Drug Abuse

The conference agreement includes \$968,013,000 for the National Institute on Drug Abuse as proposed by the Senate instead of \$912,489,000 as proposed by H.R. 246.

The conferees commend NIDA for its partnership with the Office of National Drug Control Policy, particularly the ongoing support NIDA provides to the sites established by the Counterdrug Technology Assessment Center (CTAC). The conferees encourage the continuation and expansion of NIDA funding for these research centers where CTAC has likewise committed resources.

### National Institute of Mental Health

The conference agreement includes \$1,349,788,000 for the National Institute of Mental Health instead of \$1,350,788,000 as proposed by the Senate and \$1,290,274,000 as proposed by H.R. 246.

The conferees are concerned that the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks have taken a toll on mental health in America, and urge the Institute to conduct studies on the effects of such events and disasters so that best practices can be developed. Research should focus on survivors, emergency workers and the general public to understand the degree of mental trauma

suffered and to understand how post traumatic stress affects these different populations.

#### National Human Genome Research Institute

The conference agreement includes \$468,037,000 for the National Human Genome Research Institute as proposed by the Senate instead of \$431,985,000 as proposed by H.R. 246.

#### National Institute of Biomedical Imaging and Bioengineering

The conference agreement includes \$280,100,000 for the National Institute of Biomedical Imaging and Bioengineering instead of \$283,100,000 as proposed by the Senate and \$140,973,000 as proposed by H.R. 246.

#### National Center for Research Resources

The conference agreement includes \$1,146,272,000 for the National Center for Research Resources instead of \$1,161,272,000 as proposed by the Senate and \$1,015,395,000 as proposed by H.R. 246.

The conference agreement includes bill language to earmark \$120,000,000 for extramural facilities construction grants instead of \$97,000,000 as proposed by H.R. 246 and \$125,000,000 as proposed by the Senate.

Within the total provided for NCRR, \$210,000,000 is for the Institutional Development Awards (IDeA) program and \$312,000,000 is for

the General Clinical Research Centers. Of the IDeA grants funding, \$127,000,000 is designated for the Centers of Biomedical Research Excellence program and \$83,000,000 is designated for the Biomedical Research Infrastructure Networks program.

#### National Center for Complementary and Alternative Medicine

The conference agreement includes \$114,149,000 for the National Center for Complementary and Alternative Medicine as proposed by the Senate instead of \$105,212,000 as proposed by H.R. 246.

The conference agreement includes sufficient funds to increase support for the chiropractic research center.

#### National Center on Minority Health and Health Disparities

The conference agreement includes \$186,929,000 for the National Center on Minority Health and Health Disparities as proposed by the Senate instead of \$151,062,000 as proposed by H.R. 246.

#### John E. Fogarty International Center

The conference agreement includes \$63,880,000 for the John E. Fogarty International Center instead of \$60,880,000 as proposed by the Senate and \$57,064,000 as proposed by H.R. 246.

## National Library of Medicine

The conference agreement includes \$310,299,000 for the National Library of Medicine, of which \$8,200,000 is made available through the evaluation set-aside, as proposed by the Senate instead of \$277,273,000 as proposed by H.R. 246. Bill language is included, as proposed by the Senate, to make available \$8,200,000 from amounts available under section 241 of the Public Health Service Act to carry out the National Information Center on Health Services Research and Health Care Technology. H.R. 246 did not contain a similar provision.

## Office of the Director

### (Including Transfer of Funds)

The conference agreement includes \$267,974,000 for the Office of the Director instead of \$257,974,000 as proposed by the Senate and \$2,476,111,000 as proposed by H.R. 246.

The conference agreement provides \$20,000,000 for the director's discretionary fund rather than \$10,000,000 as provided by H.R. 246 and the Senate in order that the Director of NIH may allocate resources to the Institutes and Centers to begin "roadmap" activities.

The conferees concur with the guidance in the Senate explanatory statement regarding limits for NIH reprogramming requests.



The conference agreement reflects the funding and grant transfers that will be made to the National Institute of Biomedical Imaging and Bioengineering from other institutes and centers.

The conferees concur with the Senate explanatory statement encouraging NIH to increase the research training stipend awards by ten percent.

The conferees are agreed that NIH should continue to allocate funds for biomedical research on the basis of scientific opportunity, taking into consideration the many other factors identified by NIH as being relevant to funding decisions, such as the infectious nature of a disease, the number of cases and deaths associated with a disease, the cost of disease treatment, and/or other costs associated with a disease. The conferees also expect NIH to consider carefully the language in appropriations explanatory statements and give it appropriate weight when determining funding allocations across disease areas. Regarding the cases in which appropriations explanatory statements reference funding levels for a specific disease, the conferees are agreed that these are intended only to express relative priority and are not funding earmarks.

The conferees do not agree to the budget request to use NIH funding to support Department of Defense free electron laser research and radiation exposure research.

The conferees have previously provided funding for the design of a new facility for the National Library of Medicine and understand that the design phase of this project is nearly complete. The conferees request the Director of NIH to provide a report by June 30, 2003 to the Committees <sup>on Appropriations</sup> with details of the new facility, timetables and costs, based on a construction plan consistent with recommendations from the NIH Facilities Planning Advisory Committee.

The conferees request that the NIH Interagency Autism Coordinating Committee (IACC) convene a panel of outstanding scientists to assess the field of autism research, and identify the roadblocks that may be hindering progress in understanding its causes and best treatment options. As a next step, the IACC should take the recommendations of these findings and develop a matrix of short-to-long range and low-to-high risk action items to address some of the roadblocks identified by the panel. This matrix would then be used to help guide further autism research planning at NIH, and as a tool for the entire autism community. It should include opportunities for voluntary and private funding organizations, and hopefully will lead to

opportunities for collaboration with other government agencies and the autism community as well. The matrix should be a living document that can be revised and expanded as current goals are achieved and new goals are identified. Once the matrix has been developed, the IACC should provide a report to Congress on the state of autism research.

Pick's disease is a rare form of frontotemporal dementia that leads to a degeneration of social skills, language, reasoning abilities, and memory. Although the cause of this disease is unknown, researchers now appreciate the degree to which disorders such as Pick's disease are related to other frontotemporal dementias, and even more common forms of dementia such as Alzheimer's disease. Alterations of the tau protein, which is an important structural component of neurons, have been implicated in all of these disorders, and provide an important common target for further exploration. NIA and NINDS are encouraged to support research on frontotemporal dementias, including Pick's disease, as well as related tauopathies, that may reveal insights into the causes and possible treatments of these conditions.

Rett syndrome is a neurological disorder seen almost exclusively in females; it affects approximately one in ten thousand live births per year. The conferees are pleased to learn of the discovery of the MECP2 gene as the main cause of this disorder and encourage the Institutes to expand their

research efforts to learn how this gene affects other genes and tissues during the development of the nervous system. The conferees also encourage research to develop animal models of the disorder and to study the daily problems that afflict children with Rett syndrome, including autonomic disorders, as well as research on interventions for improved literacy and communication. Because Rett syndrome is a multi-faceted disorder, the conferees encourage NICHD, NINDS, NIDCD, and NIGMS to work in collaboration to maximize the outcomes from investments made in Rett syndrome research.

The Department has conducted a comprehensive review of research on products containing the herb ephedra, and the conferees look forward to seeing this work in the near future. The conferees recommend that, following publication of this work and a thorough dialogue between the Department, industry and others, NIH initiate scientific studies necessary to resolve any remaining questions on the safety and benefits of these products.

The conferees request NIH to provide a report by June 30, 2003 summarizing, by grant and amount, actual fiscal year 2002 research funding on temporomandibular diseases and disorders, as well as an estimate of fiscal year 2003 expenditures.

## Buildings and Facilities

The conference agreement includes \$632,800,000 for buildings and facilities instead of \$607,800,000 as proposed by the Senate and \$296,100,000 as proposed by H.R. 246.

The conference agreement includes language granting full scope authority for the contracting of construction of the first and second phases of the John E. Porter Neurosciences Building as proposed by the Senate. H.R. 246 did not have a similar provision.

The conference agreement includes \$105,000,000 for the NIH research building proposed in the budget request to be constructed on Department of Army land at Ft. Detrick, Maryland.

The conferees were saddened by the recent passing of Florence S. Mahoney, one of the nation's foremost advocates for health research and a pioneer in the development of the NIH. Beginning in the 1940s, Mahoney teamed up with another citizen activist, Mary Lasker, to seek a greater Federal investment in health sciences and biomedical research. They were extraordinarily effective. Mrs. Mahoney's crowning achievement was her almost singlehanded campaign to create the National Institute on Aging. That event, in 1974, opened the way to scientific advances aimed at extending the healthy years of life and maintaining functional independence

for millions of older Americans. She embodied that ideal, living independently until her death at age 103. Mahoney was the last of a generation of giants—including Lasker, James Shannon, Senator Lister Hill and Representative John Fogarty—who built the modern NIH. The conferees strongly urge the NIH to honor her memory by designating one of two outdoor courtyards in the Mark O. Hatfield Clinical Research Center, now under construction, as the "Florence S. Mahoney Plaza (or Courtyard)." The conferees hope that such a space will include a stone marker, plaque or sculpture that would prominently pay tribute to Mahoney's enormous contributions to the NIH.

## SUBSTANCE ABUSE AND MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES ADMINISTRATION

### Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services

The conference agreement includes \$3,232,268,000 for substance abuse and mental health services, of which \$3,158,068,000 is provided through budget authority and \$74,200,000 is provided through the evaluation set-aside. H.R. 246 had proposed \$3,167,897,000 for SAMHSA and the Senate proposed \$3,203,917,000, of which \$74,200,000 was from the evaluation set-aside.

The conference agreement contains bill language providing \$955,000 for protection, maintenance and remediation of Federally-owned facilities at

Elizabeths

St. Elizabeth's Hospital as proposed by the Senate. H.R. 246 had no similar provision.

The conference agreement includes bill language identifying \$21,461,000 for projects in the amounts specified in the statement of the managers on the conference report.

#### Center for Mental Health Services

The conference agreement includes \$246,042,000 for programs of regional and national significance instead of \$226,067,000 as proposed by H.R. 246 and the Senate.

Within the total provided, the conference agreement provides \$95,000,000 for counseling services for school-aged youth as proposed by the Senate. As proposed by the Senate, \$3,000,000 is provided to support the National Suicide Prevention Resource Center, and continued support is provided for the Suicide Prevention Hotline program.

Within the total provided, \$30,000,000 is provided under section 582 of the Public Health Service Act to support grants to local mental health providers for the purposes of developing knowledge of best practices and providing mental health services to children and youth suffering from post-traumatic stress disorder as a result of having witnessed or experienced a traumatic event. These funds are provided through the SAMHSA

appropriation rather than \$10,000,000 being provided through the Public Health and Social Services Emergency Fund as proposed by the Senate.

The conference agreement provides \$2,000,000 above the request to continue the current level of funding for the consumer and consumer-supported national technical assistance centers as proposed by the Senate.

*direct* The conferees ~~intend~~ CMHS to support grants to fund five such national technical assistance centers ~~for a period of no less than five years.~~ *multi-year*

The conference agreement provides \$5,000,000 to continue the elderly treatment and outreach program as proposed by the Senate.

As proposed by the Senate, the conference agreement provides \$5,000,000 for the jail diversion program and \$1,000,000 for new awards under the community action grant program.

The conferees include the following amounts for the following projects and activities in fiscal year 2003:

Access Community Health Network in Chicago, Illinois for an initiative to improve mental health services at their community health centers	\$350,000
Arab-American & Chaldean Council, Lathrup Village, Michigan, to develop a comprehensive and systems mental health initiative for the prevention and treatment of substance abuse among Arab-Americans	500,000
Bellfaire Jewish Children's Bureau, Shaker Heights, Ohio, for Social Advocates for Youth (SAY) program to provide early intervention and substance abuse services to high school students	605,000
Bert Nash Community Mental Health Center in Lawrence, Kansas to provide mental health services in schools and other settings to prevent juvenile crime and substance abuse among high-risk youth	150,000
Center for Mind Body Medicine, Washington, D.C., to train health and mental health professionals in treating war and terrorism related trauma in the U.S. and abroad	200,000



City of San Francisco to develop a Homeless Management Information System to track and address the needs of the homeless	150,000
Covenant House Pennsylvania to support programs at its Crisis Residence for runaway and homeless youth in Philadelphia.	500,000
Emergency Shelter of the Fox Valley, Inc. in Appleton, Wisconsin to expand programs providing temporary shelter and mental health services to the homeless	30,000
Family Communications Inc. in Pittsburgh - for an antiviolence program entitled the National Preschool Anger Management Project	150,000
Family Communications Inc. to implement the National Preschool Anger Management Project in Iowa	250,000
Family Support Systems Unlimited in the Bronx, New York for mental health services	250,000
Hub Program in Billings, Montana to provide services to the low-income mentally ill	400,000
Interlink Counseling Services, Louisville, Kentucky, for drug prevention programs	30,000
Jewish Association for Residential Care, Farmington Hills, Michigan, to develop and expand mental health support and long-term case management	500,000
KidsPeace in Pennsylvania	100,000
Kidspeace, Graham Lake Campus, Maine	450,000
Lawrence Hall Youth Services (LHYS) in Chicago, Illinois for mental health and related support services	250,000
Life Quest Community Mental Health Center for treatment of co-occurring disorders in the population of Mat-Su Valley	400,000
Meeting Street Center in East Providence, Rhode Island for children's mental health and enhanced early intervention support services	400,000
Mentally Ill Offender Crime Reduction demonstration in Ventura, California	400,000
Montrose Counseling Center in Houston, Texas for mental health services	100,000
Operation Breakthrough at Saint Vincent's Family Service Center in Kansas City, Missouri for family mental health services	350,000
Pacific Clinics in Arcadia, California to support a school-based mental health demonstration program for Latina adolescents	500,000
San Francisco Department of Public Health in San Francisco, California for mental health and substance abuse services for homeless persons in supportive housing	750,000
Smith Haven Ministries in Coram, New York for mental health counseling services	500,000
Sowing the Seeds of Hope to provide mental health support for distressed farm families	100,000
State of Alaska Department of Health and Social Services Suicide Prevention Program to identify, intervene and treat individuals in Alaska at risk of suicide	250,000
Texas Medication Algorithm Project (T-MAP) in Tarrant County, Texas for further development, testing, and implementation of the computerization program	300,000
United Migrant Opportunities Services to provide comprehensive, bilingual, bicultural services to Latina women and families who are victims of domestic violence	60,000

The conference agreement includes \$440,000,000 for the mental health block grant instead of \$433,000,000 as proposed by the Senate and \$438,000,000 as proposed by H.R. 246.

The conference agreement includes \$98,694,000 for children's mental health grants rather than \$96,694,000 as proposed by the Senate and H.R. 246.

The conference agreement provides \$43,355,000 for grants to States for the homeless (PATH) rather than \$46,855,000 proposed by the Senate and \$39,855,000 proposed by H.R. 246.

The conference agreement includes \$34,000,000 for protection and advocacy instead of \$32,500,000 as proposed by H.R. 246 and \$35,500,000 as proposed by the Senate.

#### Center for Substance Abuse Treatment

The conference agreement includes \$319,354,000 for programs of regional and national significance instead of \$296,314,000 as proposed by H.R. 246 and \$310,000,000 as proposed by the Senate.

The conference agreement includes sufficient funding to support methamphetamine prevention and treatment demonstration projects in Iowa and other parts of the Midwest and South.

The conference agreement provides \$3,000,000 for the Residential Treatment Program for Pregnant and Postpartum Women.

The conferees include the following amounts for the following projects and activities in fiscal year 2003:


Alaska Christian College at Kenai for the support of residential substance abuse program for adolescents	\$200,000
Allegheny County, Department of Human Services, Pittsburgh, PA. for drug and alcohol treatment	100,000
Baltimore City Health Department, Baltimore, Maryland, to expand drug treatment services	450,000
City of Vallejo Fighting Back Partnership in Vallejo, California for a pilot program to identify and treat youth who are abusing alcohol or drugs	275,000
Community Services for Children, Lehigh County, PA. to remediate and reverse the impact of drug use by pregnant mothers on their newborn infants	100,000
Cook Inlet Council (Kenai) Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse for treatment of women and children with substance abuse problems	400,000
Cook Inlet Tribal Council's Ernie Turner Center to continue outpatient and inpatient substance abuse treatment	500,000
Copper River Native Association's Hudson Lake Spirit Camp for a substance abuse spirit camp program	250,000
Fairbanks Memorial Hospital to provide treatment and services to chronic inebriates in Fairbanks	400,000
Fairbanks Native Association's Lifegivers Program residential treatment program for pregnant women and their children	500,000
Flowering Tree in Pine Ridge, SD for residential substance abuse treatment programs for young mothers and pregnant women on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation.	300,000
Gavin Foundation in South Boston, Massachusetts, for the Cushing House substance abuse treatment program for adolescent males	250,000
Lindy's Place in New Orleans, LA to integrate substance abuse treatment program into domestic violence programs	50,000
Southcentral Foundation's Pathways Home Residential Treatment center for adolescent substance abusers	2,000,000
Southeast Alaska Regional Health Consortium Deilee Hit residential substance abuse treatment program for pregnant women and their children	400,000
Tanana Chiefs Conference and Fairbanks Native Association to continue the Ch'eghutsen comprehensive mental health services program for children in Interior Alaska	800,000
Tundra Swan Inhalant Abuse Treatment Center in Bethel, Alaska for operational support	1,500,000
Vocational Instruction Project Community Services in The Bronx, New York for mental health and substance abuse services, including services for families	300,000

The conference agreement includes \$1,765,000,000 for the Substance Abuse Performance Partnership, of which \$1,702,800,000 is budget authority and \$62,200,000 is provided through the PHS evaluation funding tap. H.R. 246 had proposed \$1,745,000,000 and the Senate proposed \$1,785,000,000, of which \$62,200,000 was derived through the evaluation tap. The conference agreement includes bill language establishing a limitation of five percent of the performance partnership appropriation for funding of data collection activities as proposed by the Senate.

#### Center for Substance Abuse Prevention

The conference agreement includes \$198,401,000 for programs of regional and national significance instead of \$202,000,000 as proposed by H.R. 246 and \$183,379,000 as proposed by the Senate.

The conference agreement provides funds over the budget request for Starting Early, Starting Smart and Community-Initiated Prevention Intervention. \$5,000,000 is included to continue and expand the ecstasy program funded last year; \$10,000,000 is provided for FAS/FAE prevention and treatment programs; and no less than last year's level is provided for the National Clearinghouse for Alcohol and Drug Information.


 The Starting Early Starting Smart program has demonstrated proven results in improving family management, reducing drug and alcohol abuse, and improving child development and resilience.

The conferees include the following amounts for the following projects and activities in fiscal year 2003:

Children's Home of Easton Services Inc., Easton, PA. for at-risk youth counseling	\$100,000
Community Health Centers in the Big Island of Hawaii for a youth anti-drug program	250,000
Fenway Community Health Center, Boston, Massachusetts, to provide comprehensive health care, mental health, and drug treatment services to low-income HIV and AIDS patients.	150,000
Hands Across Cultures in Espanola, New Mexico, for the Black Tar Heroin Coalition	350,000
Institute for Research, Education, and Training in Addictions, Pittsburgh, PA for treatment approaches and health policy development	250,000
Iowa State University in Ames, Iowa for the Rock in Prevention program	300,000
Jefferson Parish, SE Louisiana Drug Prevention Education program for students drug testing assessment, counseling treatment, drug education, outreach services and program evaluation	500,000
Life Haven, Inc. in New Haven, Connecticut, for services to promote resilience for homeless and other at-risk children	350,000
Silver Spring Neighborhood Center for an alcohol, tobacco and drug prevention program for youths	11,000
South Boston Community Health Center in South Boston, Massachusetts for a substance abuse prevention initiative	200,000
Southeast Louisiana Drug Prevention and Education Program in Jefferson, LA for student drug testing, counseling, drug education, outreach and program evaluation	100,000
St. Francis House in Boston, MA to provide mental health and substance abuse programs to the homeless	125,000
Start SMART Foundation, Bethlehem, PA for the expansion of a pilot project to examine the distribution of a saliva alcohol test	225,000
Teen Court of Greater New Orleans to expand its Drug Prevention program	50,000
University of South Dakota to continue the work of the Consortium on Fetal Alcohol Syndrome regarding development and testing of a prevention model for women considered at-risk for abusing alcohol during their childbearing years	700,000
University of Vermont to disseminate a multimedia drug abuse prevention program to middle school students throughout the state	50,000

Within the total provided for SAMHSA, \$109,100,000 is for activities that are targeted to address the growing HIV/AIDS epidemic and its disparate impact on communities of color, including African Americans, Latinos, Native Americans, Asian Americans, Native Hawaiians, and Pacific Islanders. The conferees expect SAMHSA to follow the fiscal year 2002 House report ~~accompanying this bill~~ regarding the disbursement of these funds.

Within the total funding for the Minority HIV/AIDS Initiative, \$8,000,000 is for the treatment of mental health disorders related to HIV disease, including dementia, clinical depression and chronic, progressive neurological disabilities that often accompany HIV disease.

Within the total funding for the Minority HIV/AIDS Initiative, \$61,000,000 is to enhance the quality of services and expand the service capacity of substance abuse treatment programs with a history of providing services to high risk communities of color that are severely impacted by substance abuse and HIV/AIDS.

Within the total funding for the Minority HIV/AIDS Initiative, \$40,100,000 is to provide grants for planning and services to organizations with a history of providing services to high risk communities of color to enhance the quality of services and to expand substance abuse prevention

service capacity in communities of color disproportionately impacted by the HIV/AIDS epidemic.

#### Program Management

The conference agreement includes \$86,467,000 for program management, of which \$12,000,000 is provided through the evaluation set-aside. This is the same allocation as proposed by the Senate. H.R. 246 proposed \$91,467,000.

### AGENCY FOR HEALTHCARE RESEARCH AND QUALITY

#### Healthcare Research and Quality

The conference agreement includes \$303,695,000 instead of \$298,745,000 as proposed by H.R. 246 and \$308,645,000 as proposed by the Senate. The agreement provides all these funds through the policy evaluation set-aside. H.R. 246 had provided \$296,145,000 through the evaluation set-aside. The Senate had provided these funds through budget authority. The conference agreement also provides \$5,000,000 for AHRQ bioterrorism activities through the Public Health and Social Services Emergency Fund.

The agreement provides \$55,000,000 for reducing medical errors as proposed by H.R. 246. The Senate provided \$60,000,000. The agreement provides \$53,300,000 for health insurance and expenditure surveys as

proposed by the Senate instead of \$48,500,000 proposed in H.R. 246. The agreement provides \$2,700,000 for program management as proposed by the Senate instead of \$2,600,000 as proposed by H.R. 246.

The conference agreement does not permit the transfer of \$10,000,000 to the Department of Commerce for the Current Population Survey. This is consistent with H.R. 246 and the Senate bill.

## CENTERS FOR MEDICARE AND MEDICAID SERVICES

### Program Management

The conference agreement includes \$2,581,672,000 for program management instead of \$2,550,488,000 as proposed by H.R. 246 and \$2,559,664,000 as proposed by the Senate. An additional appropriation of \$720,000,000 has been provided for the Medicare Integrity Program through the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 as proposed by the Senate rather than \$700,000,000 as proposed by H.R. 246. A citation for the Medicare, Medicaid and SCHIP Benefits Improvement and Protection Act proposed by H.R. 246 is not included in the conference agreement because more general authorities are cited.



## Research, Demonstration, and Evaluation

The conference agreement includes \$74,194,000 for research, demonstration, and evaluation <sup>instead of</sup> as proposed by the Senate ~~instead of~~ <sup>\$68,400,000</sup> and \$33,510,000 as proposed by H.R. 246.

Within the total provided, \$40,000,000 is for Real Choice Systems Change Grants to States. The conferees continue to strongly support the Real Choice Systems Change grants and expect CMS to provide expanded technical assistance to the consumer task forces involved with the program by contracting with a consortium of consumer controlled organizations for people with disabilities. The conferees request the Secretary to report on the activities and accomplishments of the Community Living Exchange Cooperative by July 1, 2003.

The conferees are pleased with the currently ongoing Prescription Continuity of Care and Emergency Department Continuity of Care Projects and recommend their continuation. The conferees are pleased with the demonstration project being conducted at the Mind-Body Institute of Boston, Massachusetts, and recommend its continuation.

The agreement includes bill language for the following projects and activities for fiscal year 2003:

AIDS Healthcare Foundation in Los Angeles for a demonstration of residential and outpatient treatment facilities

\$1,500,000

Bucks County Health Improvement Project, Langhorne, Pennsylvania	500,000
Children's Hospice International demonstration program to provide a continuum of care for children with life-threatening conditions and their families	464,000
Children's Hospitals and Clinics of Minneapolis/St. Paul, in partnership with the National Hospice and Palliative Care Organization, for a demonstration project to provide pediatric palliative care education and consultation services	350,000
Community Catalyst Inc. in Boston, MA to expand a benefits management program to improve the delivery of healthcare benefits to low-income individuals	100,000
Cook County Illinois Bureau of Health Services, to improve the management of the vulnerable patients with poorly controlled diabetes	75,000
County of Sacramento, California for implementation of the SacAdvantage pilot program to increase availability of health insurance for uninsured workers and their dependents through premium subsidies and purchasing pools	700,000
Equip for Equality in Chicago, Illinois for a demonstration project to document the impact of an independent investigative unit to examine deaths and serious allegations of abuse and neglect of people with disabilities at facilities in Illinois	200,000
Hamot Medical Center, Erie, PA, for a demonstration Project for the evaluation of advanced illness coordinated care for Medicare Beneficiaries	300,000
Hope House Day Care Center in Memphis, Tennessee for a demonstration project on improving the overall well-being of HIV positive children	100,000
Hospice of Metro Denver in Denver, Colorado to establish a clinical and training affiliation with the University of Colorado's Health Science Center and to develop cutting-edge palliative care practices	500,000
Illinois Primary Health Care Association, in Springfield, Illinois, to implement the Shared Integrated Management Information System	350,000
Jefferson Area Board for Aging, Charlottesville, Virginia, for continuation of the recruitment, retention, training, and support of nursing assistants	100,000
S) John Hopkins School of Medicine, Baltimore, Md., for an advanced respiratory Medicine project to study in-home, self-administered high frequency chest wall oscillation therapy	100,000
Medical Care for Children Partnership, Fairfax, Virginia, to provide outreach to increase access to medical and dental care for children	130,000
The Breast Cancer Fund in San Francisco, California for the "Lifelines" project to increase access to breast cancer treatment for medically underserved women (in collaboration with Shanti)	325,000

### Medicare Contractors

The conference agreement includes \$1,677,584,000 for Medicare contractors instead of \$1,675,084,000 as proposed by H.R. 246 and \$1,680,084,000 as proposed by the Senate. Within the total provided, \$12,500,000 is to support grants for State Health Insurance Counseling and

Assistance programs as proposed by the Senate. The conferees recommend that CMS eliminate the five percent cap on transferring funds between functions so that contractors may have greater flexibility to manage their resources to match programmatic needs.

#### Federal Administration

The conference agreement includes \$575,497,000 for Federal administration rather than \$587,497,000 as proposed by H.R. 246 and \$556,783,000 as proposed by the Senate. The agreement provides \$13,000,000 for the Medicaid Healthy Start, Grow Smart campaign.

The conferees direct that the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services utilize data reflecting the current cost of liability insurance to determine current Medicare payment rates, including annual updates to the malpractice geographic practice cost index.

The conferees are concerned about the widespread failure of States to provide screening for lead poisoning to children served by Medicaid, as required by Federal law. The conferees expect CMS to provide national leadership to ensure Medicaid lead screening consistent with age and risk factors recommended by CDC. CMS is also encouraged to ensure Medicaid coverage of environmental investigations, including analysis of samples to identify lead hazards in the home of a poisoned child.

The conferees direct the Secretary of Health and Human Services to review the Medicare Geographic Classification Review Board's criteria for reclassification determinations with respect to making payments to hospitals.

The conferees request the review to include a detailed analysis of disparities

hospitals'

among ~~hospital's~~ reimbursement rates for hospitals in metropolitan

statistical areas that border on areas that have a higher wage indices; the

difficulty hospitals face in losing skilled medical personnel to neighboring

areas with urban classifications and higher wage and salary structures;

geographic and environmental impediments to traditional community routes;

the base costs on which the wage index is applied; and the effect lower wage

indices have on the quality of care. The conferees expect the Secretary to

report to the Committee no later than May 30, 2003.

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The conferees concur in the language in the Senate explanatory statement requesting the Secretary to conduct a comprehensive study of current literature and best practices to determine the cost-effectiveness of behavioral-based weight loss services. The conferees expect such a study to be completed within six months of enactment of the appropriations bill.

The conferees are agreed that the last paragraph under CMS Program Management, Federal administration, in the Senate explanatory statement, pertaining to a study of claims data, is deleted.

The conferees urge CMS to promulgate regulations establishing the same definition of "audiologist" for the Medicaid program as is currently used in the Medicare program. The conferees also note that both the Department of Veterans Affairs and the Office of Personnel Management allow participants in their respective health care programs direct access to audiologists, and recommend that CMS adopt a policy for Medicare consistent with these successful initiatives.

The conferees are concerned about the growing national shortage of nursing and allied health professionals. This concern is evidenced by the recent passage of the Nurse Reinvestment Act of 2002. Medicare has historically paid a share of the net costs of approved nursing and allied health education costs associated with a nursing and allied health education program operated by a hospital. The conferees are particularly concerned about nursing and allied health educational programs that cannot meet the regulations set forth at 42 C.F.R. § 413.85(f) solely as a result of regional educational accrediting criteria. Given the shortage of nursing and allied health professionals, the conferees support the payment of costs on a reasonable cost basis for a hospital that has historically been the operator of nursing and allied health educational program(s) that qualified for Medicare payments under 42 C.F.R. § 413.85, but, solely in order to meet educational

standards, subsequently relinquishes some control over the program(s) to an educational institution, which: meets regional accrediting standards; is wholly owned by the provider; and is supported by the hospital, i.e., the hospital is incurring the costs of both the classroom and clinical training portions of the program. Moreover, a hospital could bear all the costs of the training but share curriculum control with the educational institution. It was not the intent of Congress in Section 6205 of Public Law 101-239 nor Section 4159(b) of Public Law 101-508 to preclude hospitals from receiving reasonable cost pass-through payments for nursing and allied health educational programs based solely on conflicting accreditation educational standards.

## ADMINISTRATION FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

### Refugee and Entrant Assistance

The conference agreement appropriates \$446,724,000 as proposed by H.R. 246 instead of \$442,724, 000 as proposed by the Senate. Within this amount, \$151,121,000 is provided for Social Services, as proposed in H.R. 246. The Senate bill included \$147,121,000 for this purpose.

The conferees recognize the importance of continued educational support to schools with a significant proportion of refugee children, consistent with previous support to schools heavily impacted by large

concentrations of refugees, and urge the Office of Refugee Resettlement to support these efforts should funding become available in the Social Services or other accounts.

The agreement also includes \$19,000,000 for increased support to communities with large concentrations of refugees whose cultural differences make assimilation especially difficult justifying a more intense level and longer duration of Federal assistance.

#### Children and Families Services Programs

The conference agreement includes \$8,643,117,000 for children and families services programs instead of \$8,467,062,000 as proposed by H.R. 246 and \$8,648,884,000 as proposed by the Senate.

#### *Runaway Youth*

The conference agreement includes \$90,567,000 for runaway youth instead of \$93,000,000 as proposed by the Senate and \$88,133,000 as proposed by H.R. 246. Within the funds provided, \$40,770,000 is available for the transitional living program (TLP). The conference agreement includes these additional resources to meet the needs of more young people in need of services.

#### *Child abuse*

The conference agreement includes \$34,066,000 for child abuse discretionary programs instead of \$26,351,000 as proposed by H.R. 246 and the Senate. Within the funds provided for child abuse prevention programs, the agreement includes the following items:

AGAPE of Central Alabama, Inc., Montgomery, Alabama, for their work with the children in need	\$70,000
Alameda County Social Service Agency, Alameda County, California, for Another Road to Safety Program to serve low to moderate risk families	\$440,000
Alaska Department of Health and Social Services, in consultation with the Alaska Native Health Board, the Municipality of Anchorage, Cook Inlet Tribal Council, University of Alaska, and the Anchorage Women's Commission to develop a comprehensive statewide plan on	\$600,000
Asian Pacific Women's Center, Inc., Los Angeles, CA., for Domestic Violence Transitional Housing program to protect at risk children	\$150,000
Boys and Girls Home of Nebraska Child Abuse Prevention Program to provide statewide child abuse prevention and counseling services to families	\$350,000
Catholic Community Services/Juneau Family Resource Center in Alaska to address child abuse prevention issues	\$250,000
Center for Women and Families, Inc., Louisville, Kentucky, for child abuse prevention programs	\$100,000
Child Welfare League of America, Inc., Washington, DC, for study on Monitoring Safety of Children in Foster Care	\$500,000
Childhelp USA, Fairfax, Virginia, to reduce the incidence and severity of child abuse and enhance the ability to investigate reports and meet the needs of victims of child abuse	\$250,000
Children's Village, Inc. in Pine Ridge, South Dakota to serve children of the Oglala Sioux Tribe who are abused and neglected and are removed from the care of their parents	\$140,000
Communities against Domestic Violence, Falls Church, VA, to prevent family violence in language-minority communities	\$240,000
Homeless Prenatal Program, San Francisco, CA, for services to at-risk children	\$400,000
Nexus Diversified Community Services of Manteno, Illinois, to enhance and expand its community-based residential center for sexually abused youth.	\$1,100,000
Mockingbird Society of Seattle, Washington to pilot a model program for maintaining and stabilizing children in the state foster care system	\$325,000
Ohel Children's Home and Family Services, Brooklyn, NY, for a child abuse prevention program	\$300,000
Parents Anonymous of Iowa to expand child abuse prevention services in Iowa	\$50,000
Parents for Meghan's Law in Stony Brook, New York for educational programs for victims of child abuse and their families	\$100,000
State of Alaska for emergency housing for victims of child abuse in Anchorage, Alaska	\$250,000
State of Alaska Healthy Families/Better Beginnings home visiting program for State of Alaska and regional Native non-profit organizations	\$2,000,000



Vanessa Behan Crisis Nursery, Spokane, Washington, to create a national demonstration project

\$100,000

### *Compassion Capital Fund*

The conference agreement includes \$35,000,000 for the compassion capital fund, instead of \$30,000,000 as proposed by H.R. 246 and \$45,000,000 as proposed by the Senate.

### *Social Services and Income Maintenance Research*

The conference agreement includes \$34,937,000 for social services and income maintenance research instead of \$6,000,000 as proposed by H.R. 246 and the Senate. \$6,000,000 of this total is provided through the Public Health Service evaluation funding tap as proposed by the Senate. The conferees note that efforts undertaken through the State information technology consortium have led to greatly improved systems communications and compliance in both the TANF and child support enforcement (CSE) programs. For TANF, the conferees have provided \$2,000,000 to permit the consortium to put in place a web-based technology that allows for communications and interface within States, across State borders, and between ACF and States. For CSE, the conferees have provided \$3,000,000 to launch the next phase of the consortium's efforts to remove barriers to child support collections and to improve the flow of

information between agencies and the court system. The conferees also

provide sufficient funding for the following:

Alaska Children's Services program to serve needs of at risk youth in Anchorage	\$250,000
Bethesda Children's Home	150,000
Clearbrook, Arlington Heights, Illinois	187,000
Concerned Citizens, Inc., Chicago, Illinois, for Mother's House	250,000
Fathers Day Rally Committee, Philadelphia, PA for the Rites of Passage program	150,000
Good Shepherd Alliance, Inc., Leesburg, Virginia, for Hand up to Self Sufficiency for the Homeless project	50,000
Gulf Coast Jewish Family Services, Inc., Clearwater, Florida for Battered Immigrant and Refugee Women's Project	500,000
National Energy Assistance Directors Association, Washington, DC, for studies regarding home energy assistance	200,000
San Jose Office on Child Care, San Jose, CA, for pilot program to increase access to child care resources	100,000
St. Elizabeth's Foundation in Baton Rouge, LA for an adoption awareness campaign	100,000
The Institute for Responsible Fatherhood and Family Revitalization, PA., for the Philadelphia non-custodial fatherhood program to reconnect fathers with their children	100,000
University of Alaska School of Social Work to evaluate effectiveness of Alaska's child welfare system	750,000
Henry Hosea House in Kentucky for support of programs that serve the homeless and needy	150,000

### *Developmental Disabilities*

For Developmental Disabilities, the conference agreement includes \$71,600,000 for State Councils instead of \$69,800,000 as proposed by H.R. 246 and \$72,200,000 as proposed by the Senate. The conference agreement includes \$36,500,000 for protection and advocacy services instead of \$35,000,000 as proposed by H.R. 246 and \$37,000,000 as proposed by the Senate. It also includes \$12,484,000 for special projects instead of \$11,734,000 as proposed by H.R. 246 and \$12,734,000 as proposed by the

Senate. For university-affiliated programs, the agreement includes \$25,125,000 instead of \$24,000,000 as proposed by H.R. 246 and \$25,500,000 as proposed by the Senate.

#### *Native American Programs*

The conference agreement includes \$45,754,000 for Native American Programs, instead of \$45,196,000 as proposed by H.R. 246 and \$45,912,000 as proposed by the Senate. Within the total the conferees provide funding for the following:

Blanket of Wellness program of Southeast Alaska Regional Health Corporation and Central Council of Tlingit-Haida ~~ACF/SSR~~ to promote healthy development of Alaska Native children in Southeast Alaska

\$200,000

#### *Community Services*

*Social Services*

The conference agreement includes \$649,987,000 for the community services block grant as proposed by the Senate instead of \$570,000,000 as proposed by H.R. 246. The conferees believe that the activities funded by <sup>the</sup>

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Community Services Block Grant program have made an important difference in the lives of many of our citizens living in some of the more economically depressed parts of our country. However, it has come to the

<sup>or</sup> attention of the conferees that one ~~of~~ more States may have accumulated sizeable unexpended balances of CSBG funds and have failed to reallocate all such funds to other eligible grantees, as authorized by the Community

Services Block Grant Act. The conferees request that the Secretary of Health and Human Services provide to the Committees on Appropriations a report detailing the levels of unexpended balances of Community Services Block Grant funds in each State for the period of fiscal year 1995 through fiscal year 2002 and a plan ensuring that these funds are made available to grantees more expeditiously in the future. The Secretary is requested to provide this report by August 15, 2003.

The conference agreement also includes \$32,759,000 for economic development, instead of \$32,517,000 as proposed by H.R. 246 and \$33,000,000 as proposed by the Senate. The conferees also set aside \$5,500,000 within the community economic development program for the job creation demonstration authorized under the Family Support Act.

The conference agreement includes \$7,250,000 for Rural Community Facilities instead of \$7,000,000 as proposed by H.R. 246 and \$7,500,000 as proposed by the Senate.

The conference agreement includes \$7,329,000 for community food and nutrition, instead of \$6,657,000 as proposed by H.R. 246 and \$8,000,000 as proposed by the Senate.

*Family Violence Prevention and Services*

The conference agreement includes \$15,500,000 for runaway youth prevention instead of \$14,999,000 as proposed by H.R. 246 and \$16,000,000 as proposed by the Senate.

The conference agreement includes \$2,579,000 for the domestic violence hotline instead of \$2,157,000<sup>^</sup> and \$3,000,000 as proposed by the Senate. *as proposed by H.R. 246*

The conference agreement also includes \$127,230,000 for Battered Women's Shelters instead of \$124,459,000 as proposed by H.R. 246 and \$130,000,000 as proposed by the Senate.

#### *Early Learning Opportunities*

For the Early Learning Fund, the agreement includes \$34,000,000 instead of \$38,000,000 as proposed by the Senate. H.R. 246 did not include funding for this program.

#### *Mentoring Children of Prisoners*

The conference agreement includes \$10,000,000 for Mentoring Children of Prisoners instead of \$12,500,000 as proposed by the Senate. H.R. 246 did not include funding for this newly proposed program.

#### *Independent Living Training Vouchers*

The conference agreement includes \$42,000,000 for Independent Living Training Vouchers instead of \$39,769,000 as proposed by H.R. 246 and \$60,000,000 as proposed by the Senate.

*Program Administration*

The conference agreement includes \$172,997,000 for Program Direction instead of \$171,837,000 as proposed by H.R. 246 and \$171,747,000 as proposed by the Senate.

Promoting Safe and Stable Families

The conference agreement includes \$100,000,000 for the discretionary grant program of Promoting Safe and Stable Families, instead of \$70,000,000 as proposed by H.R. 246 and \$200,000,000 as proposed by the Senate.

ADMINISTRATION ON AGING

Aging Services Programs

The conference agreement includes \$1,376,001,000 for aging services programs instead of \$1,355,844,000 as proposed by H.R. 246 and

290 \$1,369,347,000 as proposed by the Senate.

The conference agreement includes \$358,000,000 for supportive centers, instead of \$357,000,000 as proposed by H.R. 246 and \$359,000,000 as proposed by the Senate.

The agreement also includes \$22,062,000 for preventive health services instead of \$21,562,000 as proposed by H.R. 246 and \$22,562,000 as proposed by the Senate. The conferees intend that \$5,500,000 be made available to expand medication management, screening and education activities, including the use of new medication management devices, to prevent incorrect medication and adverse drug reactions among the elderly.

The conference agreement also includes \$18,681,000 for ombudsman/elder abuse prevention activities, instead of \$17,681,000 as proposed by H.R. 246 and \$19,681,000 as proposed by the Senate. The conferees intend that the \$1,000,000 increase over last year's level should be made available for the Long-Term Ombudsman Program. That will allow the program to hire additional staff, expand public information and education campaigns and upgrade technology.

The agreement also includes \$6,250,000 for Native American caregivers instead of \$6,000,000 as proposed by H.R. 246 and \$6,500,000 as proposed by the Senate.

The conference agreement includes \$387,108,000 for congregate meals; \$182,169,000 for home delivered meals; and \$149,000,000 for the nutrition services incentives program. The conference agreement amends the Older Americans Act and transfers the Nutrition Services Incentives Program from the U.S. Department of Agriculture to the Administration on Aging within the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services and maintains access to commodities within USDA.

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837 The agreement includes \$40,359,000 for aging research, training and demonstrations instead of \$27,675,000 as proposed by H.R. 246 and the Senate. The conferees continue to support funding at no less than last year's level for national programs scheduled to be refunded in fiscal year 2003 that address a variety of issues, including elder abuse, native American issues and legal services. The conferees also include the following amounts under aging research, training, and demonstrations:

Champions for Change, Flossmoor, IL, for a Senior Wellness Program	\$100,000
Champlain Senior Center in Burlington, VT to support its seniors and technology initiative	75,000
Coalition of Wisconsin Aging Groups in Madison, Wisconsin to provide assistance and education to the legal community and the public about elder financial abuse.	100,000
Commission on Jewish Eldercare Services, Bloomfield Hills, Michigan, to reach out to additional seniors in Oakland County who requires services in order to remain living independently	450,000
Comprehensive Housing Assistance, Inc., Baltimore, Md., for demonstration project on Naturally Occurring Retirement Communities to the Baltimore Jewish Naturally Occurring Retirement Community	524,000
Dale County, Alabama, Senior Citizens Center	40,000
Des Moines University in Des Moines, Iowa for a survey of geriatric health needs.	500,000



Generations of Hope, Rantoul, Illinois, to begin the process of replicating the Hope Meadows model nationally	500,000
Greater Miami Jewish Federation, Inc., for a Naturally Occurring Retirement Community project for seniors living independently	500,000
Hickman County Senior Center, Clinton, Kentucky, to provide educational services to seniors population	25,000
Iowa Department of Elder Affairs Seamless System to continue the integration of senior programs. In administering this award, the AoA and CMS should continue to provide the technical assistance and related support necessary to develop and implement program	1,000,000
Iowa State University, Ames, Iowa, for Universal Kitchen Design project	300,000
Jewish Family and Children's Service, Minneapolis, MN, for program for seniors in Naturally Occurring Retirement Community	1,200,000
Jewish Family Children's and Children's Service of Greater Philadelphia for Naturally Occurring Retirement Communities (NORCs)	250,000
Jewish Family Service of Los Angeles, CA, for project to assist seniors living independently	500,000
Jewish Federation of Greater Atlanta, Atlanta, Georgia	100,000
Jewish Federation of Greater Washington to establish a Naturally Occurring Retirement Communities (NORCs) demonstration project providing supportive services to seniors.	850,000
Jewish Federation of Metropolitan Chicago, Chicago, IL, for services to elderly residents in Naturally Occurring Retirement Community	250,000
Jewish Federation of Nevada for a demonstration project to develop innovative models of community-based health and social service provision for older Americans.	650,000
Maria-Madeline Project, Oak Park, MI, for the Experience Senior Power Program to help underprivileged seniors bridge the digital gap	120,000
Mecklenburg County, North Carolina, Nutrition 2000 program to help provide nutritional care for homebound frail senior citizens	700,000
Metropolitan Family Services, Chicago, IL, for the Seniors Raising Children program	225,000
National Center for Seniors' Housing Research, Upper Marlboro, MD, for research and development of smart-aging solutions	250,000
Northern Michigan University, Marquette, MI, for the Center for Gerontological Studies	200,000
Rebuilding Together with Christmas in April, Washington, DC, for Safe at Home	400,000
Southcare Home Services to establish a pilot program on home-based care for low-income elderly individuals	500,000
St. Louis Area Agency on Aging, St. Louis, MO, for the Senior Center Healthcare Coordinator Program	150,000
St. Luke Lutheran Community, North Canton, Ohio, Quality of Care demonstration to assist older adults with living and independent living in Canton and Stark County	250,000
St. Mark Professional Medical Center, Ltd., Harvey, IL, for Project New Start	100,000
The Carolinas Center for Hospice and End of Life Care, Cary, NC, for development of national data collection system	250,000
The Jewish Federation of Greater Albuquerque for the New Mexico NORC demonstration	225,000

United Jewish Federation of Greater Pittsburgh for the Jewish Association on Aging, Pittsburgh, PA., for Naturally Occurring Retirement Communities	250,000
University of Indianapolis, Indianapolis, IN, for Center for Aging and Community project to help seniors cope with chronic conditions of aging	200,000
University of South Florida, Tampa, FL, for the Florida Policy Exchange Center on Aging	400,000
Visiting Nurse Association Healthcare Partners of Ohio, Cleveland, Ohio, for Healthy Town program for Seniors	500,000
Westchester County Department of Senior Programs and Services, Mt. Vernon, NY, for development of automated call program for home-bound seniors.	50,000

The conference agreement includes \$13,500,000 for the Alzheimer's Initiative instead of \$11,500,000 as proposed by H.R. 246 and \$14,000,000 as proposed by the Senate. The conferees intend that \$1,000,000 of this funding be used to support an Alzheimer's family contact center for round-the-clock help to Alzheimer's families in crisis.

## OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

### General Departmental Management

The conference agreement includes \$367,265,000 for general departmental management instead of \$358,451,000 as proposed by H.R. 246 and \$374,386,000 as proposed by the Senate, along with \$5,851,000 from Medicare trust funds. In addition, the agreement provides \$21,552,000 in program evaluation funds as proposed by H.R. 246. The Senate did not provide for evaluation funds in this account.

The conferees have not approved the proposed consolidation of all public affairs and legislative affairs funds and functions in the Office of the

Secretary. As a result, the conference agreement neither includes the \$27,793,000 requested to transfer staff from the operating divisions to the Office of the Secretary nor the proposed bill language to transfer funds from accounts of the National Institutes of Health and the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality for the purpose of consolidating all of HHS legislative and public affairs activities within the Office of the Secretary.

The conferees include the amounts for the following projects and activities in fiscal year 2003 listed below.

ARCH National Resource Center on Respite and Crisis Services in Chapel Hill, North Carolina, to expand training, technical assistance, evaluation and networking expertise in respite care	\$100,000
Community Transportation Association of America for TA to human services transportation providers on ADA requirements	1,000,000
National Congress of State Games for the improvement and expansion of the Summer Senior Olympic games in Pennsylvania and other states	100,000
Palmer College on Chiropractic, Consortial Center for Chiropractic Research in Davenport, Iowa, and the Policy Institute for Integrative Medicine in Philadelphia, PA for a best practices initiative on lower back pain	100,000

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The conferees direct that specific information requests from the chairman and ranking member of the Subcommittees on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies, on scientific research or any other matter, shall be transmitted to the Committees on Appropriations in a prompt professional manner and within the time frame specified in the request. The conferees further direct that scientific

information requested by the Committees on Appropriations and prepared by government researchers and scientists be transmitted to the Committees on Appropriations, uncensored and without delay.

Within the total provided, \$4,000,000 is for the United States-Mexico Border Health Commission as proposed by the Senate. H.R. 246 did not specify an amount for the Commission.

The agreement provides \$31,124,000 for the adolescent family life program as proposed by H.R. 246 and the Senate. The agreement includes bill language earmarking \$11,885,000 under the adolescent family life program for activities specified under section 2003(b)(2) of the Public Health Service Act, of which \$10,157,000 shall be for prevention grants under section 510(b)(2) of Title V of the Social Security Act, without application of the limitation of section 2010(c) of Title XX of the Public Health Service Act.

by The agreement provides \$56,592,000 for minority health instead of \$46,329,000 as proposed the Senate and \$43,057,000 as proposed by H.R. 246. Within the total provided for the Office of Minority Health, \$11,700,000 is to promote an effective culturally competent and linguistically appropriate public health response to the HIV/AIDS epidemic.

Funds are to be allocated based on HIV/AIDS program priorities identified in the previous fiscal year as well as new priorities as funding permits.

The conferees instruct the Secretary to provide a report to the Appropriations Committees by October 15, 2003 detailing how each of the HHS agencies and offices receiving funding under the Minority HIV/AIDS Initiative have distributed this funding. This report shall include a list of the agencies/organizations receiving MHAI funded grants and sub grants, demonstrate how the participation of minority community based organizations has been maximized, and the extent to which the funded agencies'/organizations' board, management and key staff are representative of the minority communities served, situated closest to the targeted problem, have a history of providing services to these communities, and have documented linkages to the targeted populations.

The conferees continue to recognize the importance of OMH's partnerships with minority health professions institutions. Specifically, the conferees encourage OMH to continue its successful cooperative agreement with Meharry Medical College aimed at meeting the challenges of academic opportunity for disadvantaged students and improving health care for underserved communities. In addition, the conferees strongly encourage OMH to give priority consideration to partnering with the Morehouse

School of Medicine to plan for its continued strategic growth and development.

The conferees include the amounts for the following projects and activities in fiscal year 2003 listed below.

African Heritage, Inc. in Appleton, Wisconsin to improve the health status of African American residents through a community-based referral and counseling program	\$50,000
Dimock Community Health Center, Boston, Massachusetts, for the continuation and expansion of a minority diabetes management program.	150,000
Glaucoma Caucus Foundation	450,000
Jersey City Family Health Center in Jersey City, New Jersey for a demonstration project to improve chronic disease prevention	100,000
National Hispanic Medical Association in Washington, D.C. for a program of research, education, training and information dissemination focused on health issues and barriers to care facing Hispanic populations	400,000
Northern Virginia Hospice, Fairfax, Virginia, to provide bereavement services and increased outreach to children and adults in low-income and non-English speaking communities	800,000
Saint Thomas Hospital in Nashville, Tennessee to expand service in disadvantaged areas for rapidly growing health care needs	250,000
San Francisco Department of Public Health in San Francisco, California to enhance its system of HIV care and related services for persons of color and women	750,000
Sisters Network in Houston, Texas, for an educational and outreach program on breast cancer targeted to African-American women	150,000
South End Community Health Center, Boston, Massachusetts, to expand mobile health care services to low-income minority populations in Boston.	150,000
South Texas Community College in McAllen, Texas for the Milagros Center of Excellence in Migrant Health	500,000
Springfield Regional Outpatient Cancer Center for cancer screening program	200,000
Strelitz Diabetes Institute at Eastern Virginia Medical School in Norfolk, Virginia for research regarding prevalence of diabetes in minority populations, early detection and intervention mechanisms, and barriers to early diagnosis and care	150,000
The Maryland Center at Bowie State University in Bowie, Maryland, for a national program and resource center to address behavioral health and lifestyle education issues of African American and Latino seniors	150,000
University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey in New Brunswick, New Jersey for its Institute for the Elimination of Health Disparities	430,000
University of South Carolina, Arnold School of Public Health in Columbia, South Carolina for development and implementation of an Institute for African American Faculty Development in Public Health	350,000
University of Texas Disease Management Center, San Antonio, Texas, for clinical research to evaluate systems of disease management with a diverse population	2,800,000

University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio for a Hispanic Nutrition Research and Education program	100,000
University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center (in cooperation with UT Dallas) for a program to recruit minority students into the field of sickle cell disease research (including outreach, mentoring, and/or scholarships and fellowships)	150,000
Wholistic Family Agape Ministries Institute in Alexandria, Virginia for HIV/AIDS prevention and education and teen pregnancy prevention services	138,000
Esther's Pantry, Portland, Oregon, for services and education for HIV positive Individuals	45,000

The agreement provides \$28,845,000 for the office of women's health instead of \$28,795,000 as proposed by the Senate and \$26,761,000 as proposed by H.R. 246. The conferees include the amount for the following project in fiscal year 2003 listed below.

Sciences ~~Oregon Health and Science~~ University Center on Women's Health to improve women's healthcare \$50,000

The conferees provide \$50,000,000 for the minority HIV/AIDS Initiative, as proposed by both H.R. 246 and the Senate.

The conferees are concerned about the adequacy of the supply and production capacity for the anthrax vaccine currently available in the U.S. to protect civilian populations from the demonstrated threat of anthrax. The Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services is encouraged to consult with other appropriate Federal and State agencies and non-governmental organizations representing workers with a higher risk of exposure to anthrax and provide an assessment of the immediate potential combined national biodefense and short-term preparedness need for anthrax

vaccine. The assessment should encompass the need for: immunizing civilian laboratory workers, first responders and other at risk populations of exposure to anthrax; providing sufficient vaccine stockpiles for assuring public health preparedness to respond to anthrax attacks; and providing additional production capacity as a safeguard against an event which could result in a halt in current vaccine production. The Secretary is further requested to submit a report to the House and Senate Appropriations Committees within 60 days after enactment of this bill, which includes the assessment of the combined potential need and options for assuring both a multiple-year vaccine supply and expansion of licensed vaccine production.

The conferees encourage the Secretary to establish a Federal Working Group on Lupus to be comprised of representatives from all relevant HHS agencies and other Federal departments having an interest in lupus. The Working Group should meet periodically for the purpose of exchanging information and coordinating Federal efforts regarding lupus research and education initiatives.

The conferees are concerned about the lack of mechanisms to insure and deliver psychosocial care to patients with cancer. Reports by the Institute of Medicine show that appropriate psychosocial care is an important contributor to quality of cancer care, but such care is not routinely



available or consistently reimbursed. The conferees urge the Secretary, through relevant agencies such as NIMH, SAMHSA and AHRQ, to study the delivery of psychosocial services to cancer patients and report on the services available, who has access to them, who uses them, how they are reimbursed, and the effectiveness of specific interventions.

The conferees encourage the Secretary in conjunction with the CDC and the relevant NIH institutes to assess the benefits of a system providing nationwide access for physicians to a multi-media Internet site with webcast and media response capability. This type of system would allow the nation's primary care providers to receive Federal news and alerts.

The conferees request a report from the Department regarding its implementation of the revised guidance from the Department of Justice on limited English proficiency. This report should address the purpose and objectives of this policy, as well as any funding for services provided to implement the guidance, including publications, web site construction costs, and language line contracts.

#### OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL

The conference agreement includes \$37,300,000 for the Office of Inspector General as proposed by H.R. 246 instead of \$39,747,000 as proposed by the Senate.

## RETIREMENT PAY AND MEDICAL BENEFITS FOR COMMISSIONED OFFICERS

The conference agreement includes language proposed by the Senate directing that health care benefits of retired Commissioned Corps officers be paid from this account rather than the accounts from the Public Health Service to which they were assigned. H.R. 246 did not include a similar provision.

## PUBLIC HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES EMERGENCY FUND

The conference agreement includes \$2,246,680,000 for the Public Health and Social Services Emergency Fund (PHSSEF) to enhance Federal, State, and local preparedness to counter potential biological, disease, chemical, and radiological threats to civilian populations, instead of \$2,255,980,000 as proposed by the Senate. H.R. 246 included \$2,507,184,000 for the PHSSEF.

The agreement also includes bill language included in H.R. 246 to allow the Secretary to transfer amounts specified in the account between categories subject to normal reprogramming procedures. The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The conference agreement modifies the placement of bill language proposed by the Senate exempting from any personnel ceiling applicable to the Agency, Service, or the Department of Health and Human Services both

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^ civilian and Commissioned Officers detailed to States, municipalities or other organizations under authority of Section 214 of the Public Health Service Act for purposes related to homeland security during their period detail or assignment. The agreement places the bill language within this account, instead of within the account for the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention as proposed by the Senate.

Within the amount provided: \$1,543,440,000 is for the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention; \$546,000,000 is for the Health Resources and Services Administration; \$152,240,000 is for the Office of the Secretary; and \$5,000,000 is for the Agency for Healthcare Quality and

~~Research.~~

The conferees note that funds requested within this account for the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, Poison Control, and Emergency Medical Services for Children have been provided within the accounts of their respective agencies. This brings the comparable total for the Public Health and Social Services Emergency Fund to \$2,298,680,000.

Within the amounts available to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC): \$940,000,000 is for State and Local Preparedness, \$143,700,000 is for Upgrading CDC Capacity; \$300,000,000 is for the

National Pharmaceutical Stockpile; \$100,000,000 is for Smallpox Vaccine, <sup>the</sup> \$20,000,000 is for security; \$18,040,000 is for <sup>^</sup>third year of a collaborative research program on anthrax vaccine; \$10,700,000 is for Planning for Preparedness Response; \$4,000,000 is for Deterrence; and \$2,000,000 is to continue to discover, develop, and transition anti-infective agents to combat emerging diseases. The conference agreement also includes an increase of \$5,000,000 for Public Health Preparedness Centers as proposed by the Senate.

The conferees understand that any countermeasures recommended by the Federal government pursuant to the Homeland Security Act (including, but not limited to vaccines) would be made available to civilians on a voluntary basis. Nothing in the Homeland Security Act would allow the Federal government to mandate the administration of a covered countermeasure to civilians.

The conferees concur with language in the Senate explanatory statement urging the Director to move expeditiously to analyze CDC's communication mechanisms and develop a comprehensive plan to ensure the fast, accurate, and accessible flow of information to the relevant health and public safety professionals and to the public. The conferees request that the Director report to the Committees on Appropriations within 6 months of

enactment of this Act regarding the specific plan of action resulting from this review.

The conferees understand that the CDC plans to study both the health effects of anthrax exposure and of measures taken to treat or prevent anthrax infection. The conferees request the CDC report to the Committees within 90 days on its plan for these studies.

Within the funds available to the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) is \$518,000,000 for Hospital Preparedness and \$28,000,000 to provide educational incentives for medical school curriculum. The conferees encourage HRSA to consider requiring that a statewide assessment of emergency medical services preparedness needs in the event of a public health emergency and a plan to address those needs be part of the State application for hospital preparedness funds.

The agreement includes \$2,000,000 within funds provided to the Office of Public Health and Science for activities related to the transformation and modernization of the Public Health Service Commissioned Corps.

The conferees encourage the Department of Health and Human Services to give priority to the study of plants as vehicles for the production of vaccines.

The conferees request the Department to submit a report to the Committees on Appropriations within 45 days of enactment of this ~~act~~ detailing the amounts of fiscal year 2002 State and Local Preparedness funds that:

- a) Each State spent, or plans to spend, to directly benefit or improve local public health capacity; and
- b) The amount each State has directly granted to local public health agencies.

#### GENERAL PROVISIONS

##### Secretary's Reception Expenses

The conference agreement includes a provision increasing the limit on the Secretary's entertainment expenses to \$50,000 from \$37,000 as proposed by the Senate. ~~The House~~ included a provision retaining this limit at \$37,000. H.R. 246

##### ~~One-Percent~~ Evaluation Tap

The conference agreement includes a provision to allow for a 2.1 percent evaluation tap pursuant to section 241 of the Public Health Service Act. This tap is to be applied to programs authorized under the Public Service Act. H.R. 246 and the Senate bill contained a provision to allow for

a 1.25 percent evaluation tap. The Senate bill proposed allowing a tap of funds authorized under the Public Health Service Act and other ~~Acts~~. H.R. 246 proposed allowing a tap of funds on funds authorized under the PHS Act. /c.

### Transfer Authority

The conference agreement includes language permitting the Secretary of HHS to transfer up to one percent of discretionary funds between appropriations, with up to an additional 2 percent subject to approval of the Appropriations Committees. The traditional language is retained that permits the transfer of funds appropriated for HHS in this act and any other acts as proposed by H.R. 246. The Senate bill proposed the transfer of funds appropriated only under this act.

### Refugee Status of Certain Persecuted Groups

The conference agreement includes a provision proposed by the Senate to extend the refugee status for persecuted religious groups. The H.R. 246 contained no similar provision.

### Global HIV/AIDS Transfer Fund

The conference agreement does not include a general provision proposed by H.R. 246 to transfer \$100,000,000 from the National Institutes

of Health as allocated by the Director of NIH to International Assistance Programs, "Global Fund to Fight HIV/AIDS, Malaria, and Tuberculosis". The conference agreement provides for this transfer within the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Disease as proposed by the Senate.

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention International ~~AID~~ Activities

The general provision included in both H.R. 246 and the Senate bill relating to authorities to carry out international health activities is amended to clarify the relationship between the Department of Health and Human Services and the Department of State in supporting employees and providing secure facilities overseas.

#### Older Americans Nutrition Programs

The conference agreement includes a provision proposed by the Senate to amend the Older Americans Act and transfer the Nutrition Services Incentives Program from its current location in the U.S. Department of Agriculture to the Administration on Aging within the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. The language also maintains access to commodities within USDA. H.R. 246 contained no similar provision.



### Parkinson's Disease Research Centers

The conference agreement includes language proposed by the Senate overriding the Public Health Service Act limit on the number of Parkinson's disease research centers that may be supported by the National Institutes of Health. H.R. 246 contained no similar provision.

### Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program

The conference agreement includes a provision that transfers \$100,000,000 in LIHEAP emergency funds to the regular formula program.

The Senate bill included a transfer of \$300,000,000 in LIHEAP emergency

H.R. funds to the regular formula program. 246 contained no similar provision.

Between passage of the Senate bill and conference, the Department of Health and Human Services released \$200,000,000 in LIHEAP emergency funds; this conference agreement includes a transfer of the full \$100,000,000 remaining in the emergency account to the regular formula program.

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### Nurse Reinvestment Act Funding

The conference agreement does not include a general provision proposed by the Senate providing an additional \$20,000,000 for activities authorized under the Nurse Reinvestment Act. The conference agreement instead incorporates this funding into the regular appropriation provided for

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It is the intent of the conferees that these funds, in addition to the \$1,700,000,000 in new budget authority provided in this Act, shall be allocated under the regular state grant formula, providing a program level of \$1,800,000,000 for the fiscal year 2003.

the Health Resources and Services Administration. H.R. 246 contained no similar provision.

#### Grants for the Purchase of Ultrasound Equipment

The conference agreement does not include a general provision proposed by the Senate authorizing a new HHS grants program to purchase ultrasound equipment. H.R. 246 contained no similar provision.

#### Head Start

The conference agreement includes a provision proposed by the Senate to exempt the Head Start program from the across-the-board reduction. H.R. 246 contained no similar provision.

### TITLE III--DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

#### EDUCATION FOR THE DISADVANTAGED

The conference agreement includes \$13,853,400,000 for Education for the Disadvantaged instead of \$12,936,900,000 as proposed by H.R. 246 and \$18,178,400,000 as proposed by the Senate. The agreement includes advance funding for this account of \$9,027,301,000 instead of \$6,883,301,000 as proposed by H.R. 246 and \$8,627,301,000 as proposed by the Senate.

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#### *Title I: Grants to LEAs*

For Grants to Local Educational Agencies (LEAs) the agreement provides \$11,750,000,000 instead of \$10,850,000,000 as proposed by H.R. 246 and \$16,350,000,000 as proposed by the Senate. The conference agreement includes \$7,172,971,000 for basic grants and \$1,365,031,000 for concentration grants. The agreement also includes \$1,670,239,000 for targeted grants, and \$1,541,759,000 for education finance incentive grants. Concentration grants, targeted grants, and incentive grants are all provided on an advance-funded basis.

H.R. 246 proposed \$7,172,971,000 for basic grants, \$1,365,031,000 for concentration grants, \$1,518,499,000 for targeted grants and

\$793,499,000 for education finance incentive grants. The Senate bill proposed \$7,172,971,000 for basic grants, \$1,365,031,000 for concentration grants, \$1,405,999,000 for targeted grants, and \$1,405,999,000 for education finance incentive grants.

#### *Even Start and Literacy*

The conference agreement includes \$250,000,000 for the Even Start program as proposed by H.R. 246 instead of \$200,000,000 as proposed by the Senate.

The conference agreement also includes \$12,500,000 for Literacy through School Libraries as proposed by H.R. 246 instead of \$15,000,000 as proposed by the Senate.

#### *Migrant and Neglected & Delinquent Education*

The conference agreement includes \$398,000,000 for the migrant education program instead of \$396,000,000 as proposed by H.R. 246 and \$400,000,000 as proposed by the Senate. The agreement also includes \$49,000,000 for neglected and delinquent youth instead of \$48,000,000 as proposed by H.R. 246 and \$50,000,000 as proposed by the Senate.

#### *Comprehensive School Reform*

The conference agreement includes \$235,000,000 for comprehensive school reform (CSR) authorized under part F of the No Child Left Behind

Act as proposed by H.R. 246. The Senate bill did not include funds for this activity.

The conferees urge the Department to work vigorously with the states to ensure that states award CSR funds for those comprehensive school reform models that have the strongest evidence of positive effects on student achievement. In addition, the conferees encourage the Department to clarify in its guidance to states that middle and high schools, as well as elementary schools, are eligible to receive CSR grants.

The conferees are concerned about the Department's delay in the ~~release of fiscal year 2002 funds - appropriated more than a year ago - that~~ are reserved for quality initiatives under the comprehensive school reform program, as authorized under section 1608 of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act. The conferees strongly urge the Department to expeditiously make these funds available for these important quality initiatives. These activities will expand the availability of independent, credible, and timely information to schools, districts and other consumers on the effectiveness and quality of selected comprehensive school reforms. Further, these activities will enhance the ability of providers of CSR models to deliver services at a national scale (by providing innovative financial support to improve educational services, solid business planning, and other technical

assistance). In addition, the conferees expect the Department to utilize the entire three percent set-aside authorized under section 1608 in fiscal year 2003, to continue funding these quality improvement activities, and to fund those organizations most suited to carry out these activities. The conferees expect to be consulted prior to the release of these funds for fiscal year 2003.

*Dropout Prevention, Advanced Placement Fees and Migrant Programs*

The conference agreement includes \$11,000,000 for dropout prevention programs, instead of \$13,000,000 as proposed by the Senate.

H.R. 246 did not provide funding for this program.

The conference agreement also includes \$23,500,000 for advanced placement fees instead of \$22,000,000 as proposed by H.R. 246 and \$25,000,000 as proposed by the Senate. The conference agreement also includes \$23,500,000 for high school equivalency program instead of \$23,000,000 as proposed by H.R. 246 and \$24,000,000 as proposed by the Senate and \$15,500,000 for college assistance migrant program instead of \$15,000,000 as proposed by H.R. 246 and \$16,000,000 as proposed by the Senate.

**IMPACT AID**

The conference agreement includes \$1,196,000,000 for the Impact Aid programs instead of \$1,185,000,000 as proposed by H.R. 246 and

\$1,176,500,000 as proposed by the Senate. Within this amount, \$1,032,000,000 is provided for basic support payments instead of \$1,022,000,000 as proposed by H.R. 246 and \$1,012,500,000 as proposed by the Senate; \$51,000,000 is provided for payments for children with disabilities instead of \$50,000,000 as proposed by H.R. 246 and \$52,000,000 as proposed by the Senate; \$45,000,000 is provided for construction as proposed by H.R. 246 instead of \$47,000,000 as proposed by the Senate; and \$60,000,000 is provided for payments for federal property as proposed by H.R. 246 instead of \$57,000,000 as proposed by the Senate.

#### SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAMS

347) The conference agreement includes \$8,052,958,000 for School Improvement Programs instead of \$7,974,584,000 as proposed by H.R. 246 and \$7,788,329,000 as proposed by the Senate. The agreement provides 6,287,957,000) ~~\$6,227,913,000~~ in fiscal year 2003 and \$1,765,000,000 in fiscal year 2004 funding for this account.

#### *Improving Teacher Quality*

The conference agreement includes \$2,950,000,000 for state grants for improving teacher quality as proposed by H.R. 246 instead of \$2,850,000,000 as proposed by the Senate. Of this amount, \$1,150,000,000

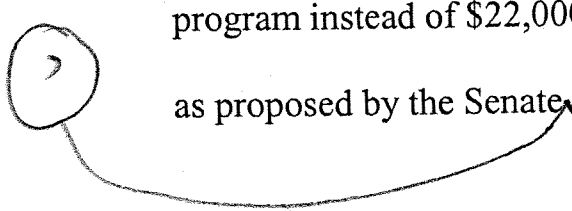


is provided as a fiscal year 2004 advance as proposed by the Senate instead of \$1,650,000,000 as proposed by H.R. 246.

The conference agreement also includes \$12,500,000 for school leadership activities instead of \$10,000,000 as proposed by H.R. 246 and \$15,000,000 as proposed by the Senate. The agreement also includes \$15,000,000 for the early childhood educator professional development grants program, as proposed by the Senate. H.R. 246 did not include funding for this activity.

The conference agreement also includes \$101,000,000 for math and science partnerships, instead of \$100,000,000 as proposed by H.R. 246 and \$25,000,000 as proposed by the Senate. The conference agreement includes \$29,000,000 for the Troops-to-Teachers program instead of \$30,000,000 as proposed by H.R. 246 and \$20,000,000 as proposed by the Senate. The agreement also includes \$42,000,000 for Transition to Teaching instead of \$47,000,000 as proposed by H.R. 246 and \$35,000,000 as proposed by the Senate.

The agreement also includes \$23,000,000 for the Ready to Learn program instead of \$22,000,000 as proposed by H.R. 246 and \$24,000,000 as proposed by the Senate and \$62,500,000 for teacher training in



technology as proposed by the Senate. H.R. 246 did not include funding for this activity.

### *Safe and Drug Free Schools*

The conference agreement includes \$628,213,000 for the Safe and Drug Free Schools and Communities Act instead of \$644,250,000 as proposed by both H.R. 246 and the Senate.

Included within this amount is \$472,017,000 for state grants as proposed by H.R. 246 instead of \$482,017,000 as proposed by the Senate.

The agreement also includes \$156,196,000 for national programs instead of \$172,233,000 as proposed by H.R. 246 and \$162,233,000 as proposed by the Senate.

The conferees include \$30,000,000 within the amount for national programs for initiatives to improve school safety and security, as proposed in the fiscal year 2003 request. These funds should focus on strengthening school emergency response and crisis management plans; training school personnel, students and parents in emergency response procedures; and coordinating with local law enforcement, public safety, health and mental health agencies - continuing an initiative begun by Congress in fiscal year 2002. The agreement also includes \$5,000,000 for Project SERV as proposed by the Senate instead of \$10,000,000 as proposed in H.R. 246.

Modifications made to the Safe and Drug Free Schools Program in section 4114(a)(1) of the No Child Left Behind Act may have created dramatic changes in funding for some LEAs. The conferees understand that no data have been compiled to show the nationwide breakdown of these funding changes at the LEA level. Therefore, the conferees request that the Department gather this information and report back to Congress no later than May 1, 2004 with its findings.

#### *Credit Enhancement for Charter Schools*

The conference agreement includes \$25,000,000 for credit enhancement for charter schools instead of \$50,000,000 as proposed by H.R. 246. The Senate bill did not include funding for this activity.

#### *Public School Choice*

The conference agreement includes \$26,000,000 to support voluntary public school choice programs instead of \$25,000,000 as proposed by H.R. 246 and \$27,584,000 as proposed by the Senate.

#### *Education for Homeless Children and Youth*

The conference agreement includes \$55,000,000 for Education for Homeless Children and Youth as proposed by H.R. 246 instead of \$54,000,000 as proposed by the Senate.

#### *Education of Native Hawaiians*

The conference agreement includes \$31,000,000 for the Education of Native Hawaiians instead of \$32,500,000 as proposed by the Senate and \$18,300,000 as proposed by H.R. 246. The agreement also includes language ~~notwithstanding any other provision of law~~ to allow funds under this program to be used for construction, renovation and modernization of any elementary school, secondary school, or structure related to an elementary school or secondary school run by the Department of Education of the State of Hawaii that serves a predominantly Native Hawaiian student body. Neither H.R. 246 nor the Senate bill contained this provision. The conferees urge the Department to provide \$500,000 for school construction/renovation and at least \$500,000 for early childhood education.

#### *Alaska Native Educational Equity*

The conference agreement includes \$31,000,000 for the Alaska Native Educational Equity program instead of \$32,500,000 as proposed by the Senate and \$14,200,000 as proposed by H.R. 246. The agreement also includes language ~~notwithstanding any other provision of law~~ to allow funds under this program to be used for construction. Neither H.R. 246 nor the Senate bill contained this provision.

#### *Rural Education*

The conference agreement includes \$168,750,000 for rural education programs, instead of \$162,500,000 as proposed by H.R. 246 and \$175,000,000 as proposed by the Senate.

*Fund for the Improvement of Education (FIE)*

The conference agreement includes \$814,660,000 for the Fund for the Improvement of Education.

Within the total for FIE, the conference agreement includes funding for the following activities in the following amounts:

Character Education	\$25,000,000
Reading is Fundamental	\$25,500,000
School Counseling	\$32,500,000
Javits Gifted and Talented Education	\$11,250,000
Star Schools	\$27,520,000
Ready to Teach	\$14,500,000
Foreign Language Assistance	\$16,250,000
Carol M. White Physical Education for Progress	\$60,000,000
Community Based Technology Centers	\$32,475,000
Exchanges with Historic Whaling and Trading Partners	\$7,000,000
Parental Assistance Information Centers	\$42,500,000
Women's Educational Equity	\$3,000,000

The conference agreement includes \$75,000,000 for comprehensive school reform grants to local educational agencies as proposed by H.R. 246. The Senate bill did not include funding for this activity. These funds shall support grants to states for continuing and new subgrants to local educational agencies for comprehensive school reform activities in both title

1 and non-title 1 eligible schools. The bill includes language specifying that these funds shall be allocated and expended in the same manner as in fiscal year 2002 and provides the funds on a forward funding basis.

The conference agreement also includes \$1,639,000 for continuation funding for the national clearinghouse on comprehensive school reform.

The conference agreement also includes \$162,000,000 for the smaller learning communities program, instead of \$142,000,000 as proposed by H.R. 246. The Senate did not include funding for this program. As in past years, the conference agreement provides the funds on a forward funding basis and specifies that these funds shall be used only for activities related to the redesign of large high schools enrolling 1,000 or more students. (ed

The conferees are concerned that the Department did not consult with the Appropriations Committees on the fiscal year 2002 program guidance and application for the smaller learning communities program as requested in House Report 107-229. The conferees do not agree with the competitive preference for certain grant applicants proposed by the Department for the fiscal year 2002 competition and direct the Secretary to revise the grant application to remove this preference. The conferees believe that applicants for assistance under this program should be evaluated solely on the quality of their proposals to improve the learning environment for students within

their current educational setting. The program guidance should also clarify that smaller learning community funds may be used to support the initial planning for, and operation of, new small schools as well as the redesign of existing schools into smaller learning units.

The conferees are also concerned about the Department's inability to hold timely grant competitions for this program in fiscal years 2001 and 2002. The fiscal year 2001 grant competition was delayed, and the 2002 grant competition is far behind schedule. Accordingly, the conferees direct the Department to publish the smaller learning communities program application for fiscal year 2002 grants not later than February 28, 2003. If the Department is unable to meet this deadline, the conferees request a letter report from the Department to the House and Senate Committees on Appropriations by that date, which explains why the Department is unable to meet this deadline, indicates when the Department will announce the fiscal year 2002 competition, and outlines the steps the Department will take to prevent delays in the fiscal year 2003 smaller learning communities grant competition.

The conferees have a strong interest in this program and are displeased that the Department has not only failed to consult with the Appropriations Committees, but also has not responded to requests for basic

information about how program funds will be utilized. The conferees expect that the Department will consult fully with the Appropriations Committees prior to the release of the fiscal year 2003 program guidance for the smaller learning communities program. Further, the Department should develop a balanced plan for outreach, networking, and technical assistance activities during fiscal year 2003 to ensure that school districts are aware that small schools and smaller learning communities are effective, research-based strategies to improve academic achievement, attendance, and safety. The Department should be prepared to discuss these matters during hearings on its fiscal year 2004 budget request.

For Arts in Education, the conference agreement includes \$34,000,000 instead of \$36,000,000 as proposed by the Senate. H.R. 246 did not specify separate funding for this line item. The conferees provide that within this total, \$7,000,000 is for Very Special Arts, \$6,000,000 is for the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts, and \$1,500,000 is to be used to continue a youth violence prevention initiative. In addition, \$4,000,000 is for cultural partnerships, \$6,500,000 is for model professional development programs for music, drama, dance and visual arts educators and \$500,000 is for evaluation activities. The remaining \$8,500,000 is available to continue model arts programs. The conferees have made



significant investments over the past couple of years in funding model arts programs, professional development activities and cultural partnerships for at risk youth. The conferees intend that the \$500,000 provided for evaluation shall be used to begin reviewing and evaluating competitive grants funded through this program. The conferees further intend that information about best practices and model programs identified during this review and evaluation process should be disseminated widely, in order to maximize the significant benefits of these targeted investments.

The conference agreement includes \$15,000,000 for teacher quality initiatives, as requested by the Administration. The conferees intend that these funds be awarded for initiatives such as the following: to identify research-based competencies that all new teachers should possess and to develop related, rigorous assessments; to infuse research-based reading instruction into pre-service teacher preparation programs; to provide technical assistance to alternative route programs to ensure quality; to determine the adequacy and effectiveness of mentoring and professional development to teachers entering the profession via alternative route programs and to identify the retention rates of those teachers; and to identify issues relating to teacher mobility. The conferees share the Administration's interest in initiatives to improve teacher quality and request that the

Department provide the House and Senate Committees on Appropriations

with a detailed summary of the types of projects proposed to be supported by

~~these funds as they are being developed.~~

*(prior to any funds being awarded)*

Within the total for FIE, the following amounts are also provided:

Academy of Natural Sciences, Philadelphia, PA, for the development and delivery of natural sciences educational programming for children and the general public	\$150,000
After the Bell Program in Soldotna, Alaska for after school programs involving community, parents and at risk youth	100,000
Alaska Department of Education for its "Parents as Teachers" program	1,250,000
Alaska Department of Education for its "Qualified Teachers for Alaska" program	1,500,000
Alaska Department of Education with the Alaska SeaLife Center, the Kenai Challenger Learning Center, the Kenai River Center, in consultation with federal and state scientists, and federal resource management agencies, for a science and distance education	250,000
Alaska Department of Education's Remedial Summer Tutoring Program	700,000
Alaska Humanities Forum to develop Alaska State history texts and curriculum, including oral history, for use in Alaska schools.	400,000
Allegheny Conference on Community Development, Pittsburgh, PA, in collaboration with the War for Empire Consortium, for education programs and activities to commemorate the 250th anniversary of the French and Indian War	50,000
Allentown Civic Theater, PA for education programs	200,000
Alliance Neighborhood Center, Alliance, Ohio, for program/curriculum for the Apple Seed Project	250,000
American Academy of Liberal Education, Washington, D.C., to develop projects and survey best practices in the study of American democracy and principals of free government at colleges and universities	100,000
American Cities Foundation, Philadelphia, PA, for mentoring, academic, enrichment, and counseling programs for at-risk students	250,000
American Film Institute Screen Education Center and Initiative for arts education curriculum development and teacher training	500,000
American Foundation for Negro Affairs (AFNA) National Education and Research Fund, Philadelphia, PA, to raise the achievement levels of minority students and increase minority access to higher education	650,000
American Red Cross, Southeastern Pennsylvania Chapter, Philadelphia, PA, for education programs	25,000
American Society of Educators, Philadelphia, PA, for instructional technologies, professional development seminars and to develop and distribute technological guides for educators	50,000
American Theater Arts for Youth Program, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, to continue to provide workshop residencies	75,000
AMISTAD America, Inc., to expand educational programs and materials	800,000
An Achievable Dream, Newport News, Virginia, to expand its curriculum and college preparation program	500,000

Anchorage Museum of History and Art and Alaska Humanities Forum to develop curriculum on Alaskan culture and art for Alaska schools	250,000
Anderson School District in Anderson, Alaska for a program to provide distance learning and related materials to small schools in rural Alaska meet the requirements of No Child Left Behind Act	100,000
Antigo School District, WI, for after school programs	300,000
Appomattox Regional Governor's School for the Arts and Technology, Petersburg, Virginia, for equipment and technology infrastructure	500,000
Arden Theatre, Co., Philadelphia PA, to expand the Arden for All program, to make the arts accessible to economically challenged schools, as well as performances interpreted in American Sign Language	25,000
Artspace Projects, Inc., Minneapolis, MN, to expand arts education programming for youth, including technology upgrades for distance learning	200,000
Ashland School District, WI, for after school programs	670,000
Association of Community Ministries, Louisville, Kentucky, for educational programs and community-based services	50,000
Audubon Nature Institute, Inc., New Orleans, Louisiana, after-school project	100,000
Baldwin Park Unified School District, Baldwin Park, CA, for the Baldwin Park Technology Achievement Academies	250,000
Benchmark School, PA for reading instruction and other education programs	75,000
Berea Children's Home School-Age Skills Enhancement (SASE) Program, Berea, Ohio	162,000
Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Anchorage, Fairbanks, and Southeast Alaska, in partnership with Alaska Dept. of Education, the Boys and Girls Club and Cook Inlet Tribal Council to develop and implement a comprehensive mentoring program for at risk children	400,000
Big Top Chautauqua, Washburn, WI, for educational programs	500,000
Birchwood School District, WI, for after school programs	240,000
Boricua College, Brooklyn, NY for personnel, curricula, teacher trainees, and other expenses to expand technology training at local public school sites	100,000
Boston History Collaborative to expand history-based education programs in public schools	50,000
Boyle Heights College Institute, Los Angeles, CA, for after school and mentoring programs	225,000
Boys and Girls Club of Burbank, CA, for mentoring, career exploration and other educational services for at-risk youth through the Teen Center Outreach Project	80,000
Boys and Girls Club of Chester, PA for mentoring, tutorial assistance and other education program	75,000
Boys and Girls Club of El Dorado, Arkansas, for drug prevention and after school programs	25,000
Boys and Girls Club of Philadelphia, Philadelphia, PA, to develop a school based mentoring program	50,000
Boys and Girls Harbor, Inc., New York, NY, to establish a Philadelphia School Financial Literacy Project to promote financial literacy through the teaching of personal financial management skills	25,000
Bronx Cluster of Settlement Houses, Inc., to provide literacy, mentoring, college preparatory, and other educational services for youth	300,000
Brooklawn, Inc., Louisville, Kentucky, for technology	30,000
Business Education Roundtable, Providence, RI, for a school principal professional development program	250,000

Cablelife Community Enrichment Corporation, Louisville, Kentucky, educational programs	40,000
Caldwell County Education Consortium, Hudson, North Carolina for operating costs of Teacher Education project	300,000
Cameron County High School, Emporium, Pennsylvania, for technology infrastructure	100,000
Camp Fire USA First Texas Council, Fort Worth, Texas, for Early Childhood Violence Reduction program	150,000
Camp SEA Lab, Seaside, CA, for science education programs for youth and teacher training activities	200,000
Canaan Community Development Corporation, Louisville, Kentucky for after school programs	30,000
Capistrano Unified School District, San Juan Capistrano, California, for Capistrano Professional Academy to improve local mathematics and science instruction	400,000
Care Unlimited, New Orleans, LA, to provide in-home educational services to high school students who are pregnant or parents	100,000
Cayuga County Safe Schools/Healthy Students Partnerships, Inc., Auburn, New York, for staffing and after-school programs	175,000
Center for Houston's Future, Houston, Texas for early education programs	250,000
Center for Mathematics and Science Teacher Recruitment, Retention in Missouri to improve recruitment and retention of math and science teachers, including through the acquisition of technology	1,500,000
Center for Rural Development, Somerset, Kentucky, for technology and software equipment	250,000
Central Alabama Community College in Alexander City, Alabama for technology acquisition in support of the Community Intensive Treatment for Youth program	100,000
Centre County AVTS, Pleasant Gap, Pennsylvania, for technology infrastructure	100,000
Chabot Space and Science Center, Oakland, CA, for math and science teacher training programs	500,000
Challenger Learning Center of Maine for science education program	750,000
Champions for Change, Flossmoor, IL, for early childhood education and before- and after-school programs	100,000
Charlotte-Mecklenburg School System, Charlotte, NC, to expand the "Bright Beginnings" after school program	400,000
Charter School Development Corporation in Las Vegas, Nevada to focus on technology and college preparation	1,000,000
Chetek School District, WI, for after school programs	265,000
Chicago Public Schools for the Chicago Reading Initiative, a research-based instruction to improve reading achievement in urban areas	100,000
Chicago Public Schools, IL, for the "Never Too Cool For After School" and "After School Matters" initiatives	500,000
Chillicothe and Ross County 2003 Commission, Chillicothe, Ohio, for innovative education program to teach Ohio's history	210,000
Choteau Elementary School in Choteau, Montana for the NetSchools e-learning program, including the acquisition of technology	600,000
City of Bogalusa School Board, Louisiana, for technology enhancements	25,000
City of Detroit, MI, for an after school program information management and evaluation initiative	600,000
City of Englewood, New Jersey Board of Education, for technology and other expenses to establish career academies at the Dwight Morrow High School	300,000

City of Salt Lake, Utah, for the YouthCity Empowerment after school center project	900,000
City of Santa Ana, CA, for technology training programs for youth at the Santa Ana Memorial Technology Center	250,000
City of Staunton, Virginia for the expansion of cultural, historical, and arts education programs	200,000
City of Upland California, for after school programs	1,500,000
City School District of New Rochelle, NY, for after school and summer school programs	294,000
Clarion County Career Center, Shippensburg, Pennsylvania, for technology infrastructure	100,000
Clark County School District, Las Vegas, NV, to expand after school programs	500,000
Classika Theater in Arlington, Virginia for continued development of the LITarts educational outreach program	100,000
Clearfield County Career and Technology Center, Clearfield, Pennsylvania, for technology infrastructure	100,000
Cleveland Botanical Garden, Cleveland, Ohio, for education outreach to schools	250,000
COA Youth and Family Centers in Milwaukee, Wisconsin for a home instruction program for pre-school children to foster health, educational success and independence	200,000
Columbia Bethlehem Community Center, Richland County, Columbia, SC, for after school, mentoring, youth internship, and literacy programs	200,000
Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, Department of Education for an afterschool art and counseling program	800,000
Communities in Schools Dallas, Inc., TX, to expand educational programs serving at-risk students	100,000
Communities in Schools of East Texas, Inc., Marshall, TX, for educational services for at-risk students	250,000
Communities in Schools of Northeast Texas, Inc., Mount Pleasant, TX, for educational services for at-risk students	250,000
Communities in Schools of Northern Virginia, Inc., Alexandria, VA, to expand family literacy, after school and other educational services for at-risk students and their parents	265,000
Communities In Schools-Cameron County, Inc., Harlingen TX, for educational services for at-risk youth	150,000
Communities in Schools-Greater Fort Hood Area, Killeen, TX, for academic and support services for at-risk students and their families	250,000
Community Action and Community Development Agency for North Alabama, Decatur, Alabama, for technology upgrades	300,000
Community Foundation of Greater Birmingham, Birmingham, AL to expand cultural and educational programs to inner city youth.	200,000
Community Foundation of Louisville, Kentucky, for Lac Viet reading programs	50,000
Community of Agile Partners in Education/Pennsylvania Educational Telecommunications Exchange Network (CAPE/PETE), Bethlehem, PA, for distance learning programs	600,000
Community of Caring in Washington, D.C. for program development and expansion of its comprehensive character education program in Nevada.	200,000
Community School District 8, Flushing, NY, for after school programs	250,000

Connecticut International Baccalaureate Academy, East Hartford, CT, for technology equipment, training and upgrades, and for the establishment of a Chinese studies program	900,000
Connecticut United for Research Excellence, Inc., Rocky Hill, CT, for the "BioBus" mobile educational laboratory	400,000
Continuation and expansion of the Iowa Communications Network statewide fiber optic demonstration	2,000,000
Council of Chief State School Officers, Washington, D.C., for Business/Education Leaders Institute	3,000,000
Cumberland Public Schools, Cumberland, RI, for equipment, curriculum and professional development to establish an after school program for high school students	350,000
Dallas Independent School District, TX, to expand the Star Teacher Selection Training Program	300,000
Dallas Institute, Dallas, Texas for a teacher retention program	250,000
Delta State University in Mississippi for the Delta Education Initiative	1,000,000
Discovery Center of Science and Technology, Bethlehem, PA, for hands-on, inquiry-based science programs for K-8 students in Berks, Bucks, Carbon, Luzerne, Monroe, Montgomery, Pike, and Schuylkill counties	50,000
Drug Free Pennsylvania, Inc., Harrisburg, PA, to enhance its media literacy project to provide at-risk students an opportunity to create public service announcements targeting the prevention of drug use	50,000
DuBois Educational Foundation, DuBois, Pennsylvania, for computers and computer wiring, equipment	150,000
Dyer Elementary School in Esmeralda County School District in Nevada for a One-on-one Laptop Computer Program.	112,000
d'Zert Club, Glenside, PA, for educational and support services for elementary, middle and high school students	50,000
East Stroudsburg University of Pennsylvania, PA, for a distance learning program to serve home-bound students, and a web-based educational management system	500,000
Education Leaders Council, Washington, D.C., for Following the Leaders project	10,000,000
Educational Service District 101, Spokane, Washington, to develop curriculum, deliver televised K-12 coursework, hire teachers and acquire satellite transponder time	500,000
Educational Service District 112, Vancouver, WA, to expand the Help One Student to Succeed (HOSTS) reading and mentoring program	167,000
Encore Series, Inc., Philadelphia, PA, for the Jazz in the Schools music education program to engage inner city high school students in programs using jazz as a means to maintain student interest	100,000
Enterprise for Progress in the Community in Yakima, Washington for a new community child developmental center	150,000
Ephraim McDowell Health Care Foundation, Danville, Kentucky, for its Medical Career Educational Initiative	100,000
Fairfax County Public School System, VA, for the heritage language literacy after school program at Bailey's Elementary School for the Arts and Sciences	100,000
Fairfax County Public Schools, Fairfax, Virginia, for a delinquency prevention program for students with behavioral and emotional needs	200,000
Fairfax County Public Schools, Fairfax, Virginia, for Fairfax Network project	200,000

Fairfax County Public Schools, Fairfax, Virginia, for Speech Recognition for Student with Disabilities	50,000
Fairfax Education Foundation, Fairfax, Virginia, for Partnerships to Advance Learning	200,000
Father Maloney's Boys Haven, Louisville, Kentucky, for technology	40,000
Fay-Penn Economic Development Council, Uniontown, PA, to develop the Reaching Educational Achievement with Community Help initiative	150,000
Felician Sisters, PA for education programs	125,000
First Book in Washington, D.C. to establish local advisory boards across Washington state	500,000
First Book Rural Outreach Initiative, Ohio	405,000
First Freedom Education Center in Richmond, Virginia for educational programs	400,000
First Gethsemane Center for Family Development, Inc., Louisville, Kentucky, for after school programs	25,000
Florida State University, Tallahassee, Florida, for Florida Reading, Math and Science Initiative	1,500,000
For Us Northwest, Portland, Oregon for a mentoring program for children affected by HIV/AIDS	25,000
Foundation for the Improvement of Mathematics and Science Education, San Diego, California, to implement the Blueprint for Student Success program	950,000
Franklin School District in Franklin, New Hampshire for a summer school initiative	50,000
Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge, Valley Forge, PA, to develop and implement the "Terrorism: Challenges and Threats to the American Way of Life" workshop	50,000
Friends of McGroarty Cultural Arts Center, Tujunga, CA, for after school arts education programs for low-income students	65,000
Futures for Children, Albuquerque, New Mexico to expand education services for Native Americans	1,000,000
Galena School District in Alaska for distance education program	1,000,000
Galilee Community Development Corporation, Louisville, Kentucky, for after school programs	15,000
Gateway Cities Partnership, Inc., City of Paramount, CA, to establish community resource learning centers	200,000
General George S. Patton School District 133, Riverdale, IL, to implement a comprehensive mathematics program	150,000
George Mason University, Fairfax, Virginia, for Center for Cognitive Development to address families of children suffering from attentional, cognitive, and behavioral disorders	200,000
Georgetown University, Washington, DC, for the Center for the Study of Learning dyslexia project, in partnership with the University of Louisville	350,000
Girl Scouts - Pacific Peaks Council of Tumwater, Washington for a resource center	100,000
Golden Gate National Parks Association, San Francisco, CA, for environmental education programs at the Crissy Field Center	200,000
GRAMMY Foundation, Santa Monica, CA, for music and arts education programs	800,000
Great Neck Center for the Visual and Performing Arts, Inc., Great Neck, NY, for an arts education program for disadvantaged children	25,000
Great Projects Film Company, Inc., New York, NY, to produce "Educating America," a documentary television series and multi-media project about challenges facing public schools	50,000

Griffith Observatory in Los Angeles to improve educational programs and exhibits on the solar universe.	150,000
Growing Solutions Restoration Education Institute, Santa Barbara, CA, for establishment of a Green Academy at Santa Barbara High School	120,000
Guadalupe Center for Early Childhood Education in Missouri to expand quality early education programs	500,000
Hands On Science for a demonstration in Iowa	400,000
Harford County Board of Education in Aberdeen, MD for a collaboration between a science and technology high school and the Aberdeen Proving Ground.	200,000
Harrods Creek Community Development, Inc., Louisville, Kentucky, educational programs for Inner city children and teens	15,000
Harry T. Kerr Skills Center, Titusville, Pennsylvania, for updating and modernization of equipment to meet training needs	150,000
Hattie Idela Farrow Foundation in Providence, RI for educational programs designed to decrease suspensions and referrals to juvenile justice	50,000
Hazel Crest School District 152.5, Hazel Crest, IL, for teachers and equipment to improve health and physical education programs	100,000
Hebrew Academy for Special Children, New York	50,000
Helen Keller Worldwide, NY, to expand the ChildSight Vision Screening Program and provide eyeglasses to additional children whose educational performance may be hindered because of poor vision	1,500,000
Henderson Allied Community Advocates in Henderson, NV to provide quality early childhood education and after school programs to low-income families.	500,000
Henry and William Evans Home for Children, Inc., Winchester, Virginia, for children who are in need of assistance in preparation for becoming productive adults	200,000
HighTechHigh-Los Angeles, Beverly Hills, CA, for equipment, technology upgrades, and training	450,000
Hillel Academy of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, PA, to enhance preschool students' learning readiness skills through the use of PicturePages Evaluation engine	50,000
Home Instruction Program for Preschool Youth (HIPPY), New York, NY, to expand its home-based literacy and school readiness program	50,000
Hyannis Youth and Community Center, Barnstable, Massachusetts, for the development of youth educational programs and the procurement of educational equipment.	1,000,000
I CAN LEARN	3,000,000
I KNOW I CAN, Columbus, Ohio, for college access program	100,000
Illinois Mathematics and Science Academy, Aurora, Illinois, for the 21st Century Information Fluency Program	400,000
Illinois Office of Banks and Real Estate, Springfield, Illinois, for Financial Literacy program	50,000
Illinois State Board of Education and Indian Prairie District #204, Springfield, Illinois, to develop an innovative student teaching pilot program	250,000
Illinois State Board of Education and Orland School District #135 to Beginning Educators Assimilation and Mentoring System program	200,000
Illinois State Board of Education for Improving Mathematics Achievement at Elgin, Illinois #46	250,000
Illinois State Board of Education, "Illinois Virtual High School"	500,000
Illinois State Board of Education, Springfield, IL, for extended day and summer school programs at the Canton Union School District #66	175,000



Illinois State Board of Education, Springfield, IL, for teacher and principal recruitment and retention initiatives at Dolton School District 148	150,000
Illinois State Board of Education, Springfield, Illinois, for computers, hardware and software for the implementation of Fast ForWord reading program to the Pleasant Plains Community Unit District #8 and Pleasant Plain Illinois District #18	150,000
Illinois State Board of Education, Springfield, Illinois, to establish a Principal-Led Teams	187,000
Illinois State University in Normal, Illinois for the Chicago Teacher Pipeline Program	200,000
Illinois State University, Normal, Illinois, to provide special education technology devices, equipment and materials for Peoria District #150	100,000
Imperial Valley Telecommunications Authority, CA for telecommunications equipment and upgrades to support distance education programs in elementary and middle schools	500,000
Indiana University of Pennsylvania, Indiana, PA, to establish a Computing Services Center to train area K-12 teachers in the effective use of technology in the classroom	50,000
Institute for Advanced Learning and Research, Chatham, Virginia, for faculty development, purchase of teaching and learning technology and launching of Learning Liftoff program	500,000
Institute for Educational Leadership, Washington, DC, for a Coalition for Community Schools project to facilitate the creation of community schools	500,000
Institute for International Sport at the University of Rhode Island to support the Scholar-Athlete Games	800,000
Institute for Student Achievement in Lake Success, NY to expand its intervention program that provides academic enrichment and counseling support for students performing in the lowest quartile in their middle or high schools.	750,000
Institute for Student Achievement, Lake Success, NY, for educational programs for at-risk students at Mt. Vernon High School and A.B. Davis Middle School	500,000
Institute for Student Achievement, Lake Success, NY, to implement small learning communities at Morris High School in the Bronx	200,000
INTEGRIS Health, Inc., for the Western Village Academy Technological Center	100,000
International Foundation for Music Research, Carlsbad, California, for science-based research on music education	225,000
Iowa Department of Education to continue the Iowa School Construction Demonstration Project.	7,000,000
Iowa Dept of Education to continue a demonstration program for additional bilingual and English as a Second Language training in rapid growth areas of Iowa	1,000,000
Iowa School Board Association to continue the Lighthouse for School Reform training of school board members on education issues	500,000
Iron Mountain Public Schools, MI, for health and physical education curricula, programs and equipment	300,000

A grant to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Department of Education, to provide assistance, through subgrants, to low-performing school districts that are slated for potential take-over and/or on the Education Empowerment List as prescribed by Pennsylvania State Law. The initiative is intended to improve the management and operations of the school districts; assist with curriculum development; provide after-school, summer and weekend programs; offer teacher and principal professional development and promote the acquisition and effective use of instructional technology and equipment. Of the funds provided, \$1,700,000 is for the Philadelphia School District/Lock Haven Professional Development Partnership for professional development and related services.

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Isaac Stern Education Legacy in New York, NY to integrate distance learning and educational technology with music education programs	4,150,000
Jackson County Community Theater, McKee, Kentucky, for equipment	100,000
Jackson-Madison School District, Jackson, TN, for an alternative learning center for at-risk youth	500,000
Jacob's Pillow in Lee, Massachusetts, for the expansion of performing arts educational programs.	100,000
Jefferson County- DuBois AVTS, Reynoldsville, Pennsylvania, for technology infrastructure	150,000
Jefferson Parish School Board, Louisiana, for technology enhancements	55,000
Jewish Community Center of Cleveland, Cleveland Heights, Ohio, for Bright Beginning program	500,000
Joel II Restoration Ministries for education programs	50,000
Junction City School District, Oregon, for after-school programs	50,000
Juniata-Mifflin County AVTS, Lewistown, Pennsylvania, for technology infrastructure	225,000
JUSTUS, WECARE about our Community, Inc., Louisville, Kentucky, for after school programs	15,000
Kentucky Opry, Prestonsburg, Kentucky, for equipment and operating expenses	75,000
Kern County Superintendent of Schools Office, Bakersfield, California, for Mobility Opportunities via Education (MOVE) to develop curricula, its website, and the training and development	700,000
Kids Voting USA, Tempe, AZ, for a civics program to educate children about the importance of voting	380,000
Knowledge Works Intermediary, Cincinnati, Ohio, for Ohio High School Transformation Initiative	2,000,000
Korean Youth and Community Center, Los Angeles, CA, to expand education programs at the Koreatown Academic Learning Center	260,000
La Causa, Inc. in Milwaukee, Wisconsin for before, after, and during school services for largely minority communities	245,000
Labor and Industry for Education (LIFE), Hewlett, NY, to expand after school, vocational training, and other education programs for at-risk youth and developmentally disabled children and adults	450,000
Langston in the 21st Century, Washington, DC, to establish a learning center as part of the EXTRA Physical Education Progress initiative	300,000
Latino Education Alliance, Chicago, IL, for early intervention, college readiness and parental involvement programs for minority youth	350,000
Leadership Education Academy to Develop, Encourage, and Reinforce Success (L.E.A.D.E.R.S) Inc., Rochester Hills, Michigan	175,000

Letcher County Board of Education, Whitesburg, Kentucky, for equipment	350,000
Lights of Liberty, Inc., PA for history education program	300,000
Lincoln Center, New York, NY, for the Jazz for music education and distance learning programs	350,000
Linking Learning to Life in Burlington, VT for staff salaries and the development of a model school-to-career initiative for low-income and at-risk youth	75,000
Loess Hills Area Education Agency in Iowa for a demonstration in early childhood education	750,000
Los Angeles County Office of Education, Downey, CA, for the "Early Advantage " initiative to provide preschool and family learning activities, and training for parents, child care providers and community members	600,000
Los Angeles Harbor College, Wilmington, CA to expand early childhood education curricula, evaluation, and professional development	300,000
Lycoming County Division of Public Safety, Lycoming County, PA, to develop an emergency preparedness program to educate school personnel and law enforcement personnel	100,000
Madison Metropolitan School District, Madison, Wisconsin for Positive Behavior Support Teams who work with elementary and middle school students with emotional problems	150,000
Make the Road By Walking, Brooklyn, NY, for literacy, technology training and other educational services	500,000
Maricopa County Community College District, Phoenix, AZ to establish the Center for Teacher Preparation and Education to address the national teacher shortage through recruitment and retention of K-12 teachers	100,000
Marshfield Clinic, WI, for the "Youthnet" mentoring initiative	200,000
Marshfield School District, WI, for equipment for computer and music education laboratories at Madison Elementary School	60,000
Maui Economic Development Board for a girls into science program	300,000
Medina High School, Medina, Ohio, for a Career Resource Center	150,000
Memphis City School District, Memphis, TN, for a public-private partnership to raise academic achievement in low-performing schools	500,000
Mercer County Association for Children with Learning Disabilities, Inc., Sharon, PA, to provide tutoring and assist with curriculum design for children with learning disabilities	50,000
Meredith-Dunn Learning Disabilities Center, Inc., Louisville, Kentucky, for technology	25,000
Metropolitan Family Services, Chicago, Illinois, for Camp Algonquin's Outdoor Education program	500,000
Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments, DC, for the Potomac Regional Education Project (PREP)	100,000
Military Heritage Foundation, Carlisle, Pennsylvania, Army Heritage and Education Center to establish educational programs and materials	200,000
Millikin University in Decatur, Illinois to assist inner-city and rural high school students prepare for college	75,000
Milton S. Eisenhower Foundation to continue a demonstration on full-service schools in Iowa	500,000
Milton S. Eisenhower Foundation, Washington, D.C., for a demonstration and evaluation of full-service schools	250,000

Milton S. Eisenhower Foundation, Washington, DC, to replicate and expand the full community school program in Pennsylvania emphasizing the school as the central point of the community	300,000
Milwaukee Public Schools, WI, to expand before- and after-school programs	400,000
Mission Education Projects, Inc., San Francisco, CA, to expand educational programs for children and families	225,000
Missouri School Board Association, Columbia, Missouri, for Children Learn As Schools Succeed (CLASS) project	500,000
Monadnock Regional School District in New Hampshire for a community school initiative	100,000
Montgomery YMCA in Montgomery, Alabama for education and outreach programs	100,000
Muhlenberg Township School District, Laureldale, PA, for science and technology equipment and upgrades	738,000
My Hero Project, Branford, CT, to expand an interactive educational web site	50,000
Mystic Aquarium and the Institute for Exploration, Mystic, Connecticut, for the JASON project	500,000
National Center for Electronically Mediated Learning, Inc., Woodbridge, CT, for the PEBBLES Project	300,000
National Constitution Center for program development, including equipment and technology acquisition	5,000,000
National Council of La Raza, Washington, D.C., to develop assessment guidelines for limited English proficient students and to expand professional development academies	1,000,000
National Foundation for Teaching Entrepreneurship (NFTE), to establish a NFTE University, in collaboration with Carnegie Mellon University and Temple University, to train teachers in the best practices to educate minority and economically disadvantaged st	150,000
National History Day for a history competition in Iowa	100,000
National Maritime Heritage Foundation, Washington, DC, for the Spirit of Enterprize Maritime Heritage Education program	275,000
National Science Center Foundation, Atlanta, Georgia for educational technology and other purposes	1,000,000
Nevada HAND English Literacy Project to purchase ESL software and workstations to use in working with low-income children in Las Vegas, Nevada	450,000
New Baltimore City Board of School Commissioners, Baltimore, MD, for a comprehensive dropout prevention initiative	500,000
New Conservatory Theater Center, San Francisco, CA, for the YouthAware theatre-in-education drug abuse and violence prevention programs for youth	150,000
New Mexico Institute of Mining and Technology, Socorro, New Mexico, for the K-12 Outreach in Astronomy program	425,000
New Mexico Mathematics, Engineering and Science Achievement, Inc. (MESA) for pre-college math, science and technology enrichment programs	500,000
New School University, New York, NY, to establish a pilot program which will provide supplementary services, as well as university faculty instruction to at-risk, low-income senior high school students	250,000
New York Hall of Science, Corona Park, New York, to expand the "After-School Science Clubs" to elementary students	200,000
New York University, Child Study Center, NY, for the "Parent Corps" initiative	1,000,000

New Zion Baptist Church Community Development Foundation, Louisville, Kentucky, for after school programs	40,000
Nicholls State University for a Center for Dyslexia to research and address the difficulties associated with dyslexia	100,000
Nortel Networks Kidz Online, Herndon, Virginia, for education program to help kids become better equipped with technology skills	600,000
North Carolina Central University, Durham, NC, for an academic enrichment program for elementary and middle school students in the Durham Public Schools	75,000
North Carolina Electronics and Information Technologies Association Education Foundation, NC, for a technology demonstration project in rural and underserved school districts	250,000
North Carolina Museum of Art Foundation, Inc., Raleigh, NC, for arts and environmental education programs	100,000
North Dakota State Board for Vocational and Technical Education in Bismarck, North Dakota, for expansion of the ExplorNet and IT Technology Learning Project	200,000
North Penn Civic Association, Philadelphia, PA, for technology, after school and other educational programs for youth	50,000
North Rockland Central School District, Garnerville, NY, to implement a technology-based literacy program	200,000
Northshore School District, Bothell, WA, for the Northeast Vocational Area Cooperative to expand information technology courses for middle and high school students	250,000
Oakland Unified School District, CA, for personnel and related expenses to expand extended day kindergarten to new sites	500,000
Ohio Department of Education, Columbus, Ohio, "Commission on Secondary and Postsecondary Education" project	250,000
Oklahoma State Department of Education, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, for an education project in Oklahoma public schools providing hand held computers to enhance learning opportunities	525,000
Old Rock School in Guntersville, Alabama for arts education programs	60,000
Oregon Children's Foundation for a volunteer early literacy program	300,000
Oregon Public Broadcasting, Lewis and Clark Bicentennial Program for educational programming	50,000
Oregon School Safety Hotline to establish a statewide hotline	150,000
Orleans Parish School Board, Louisiana, for technology enhancements	55,000
Our Hope for Youth, Delaware for a school dropout prevention education media program on in-school educational networks targeting Hispanics and other high-risk groups	500,000
Overtown Youth Center, Miami, FL, for mentoring, family literacy, and other education and training services for at-risk youth	100,000
Pacific Islands Center for Educational Development in American Samoa	400,000
PARENTS, Inc., Anchorage, Alaska, for implementation and expansion of their projects to train teachers, specialists and parents in the use of technology to assist students with disabilities	1,000,000
PARENTS, Inc., Anchorage, Alaska, for the Technology in Action Program (TAP)	500,000
Partners in Economic Progress in Des Moines, IA for a mentoring and education support program for disadvantaged children.	100,000
Pasadena Unified School District, Pasadena, CA, for a math, science and technology magnet program at the Washington Middle School	100,000

Patrick County Education Foundation, Stuart, VA, for a college access initiative, including GED assistance for individuals who have dropped out of high school	218,000
Pawtucket School Department, Pawtucket, RI, for personnel, equipment and curricula to establish after school and summer school programs	450,000
Peabody-Essex Museum, Salem, MA, to expand the Museum Action Corps in partnership with Salem High School, and for exhibits and programming for the Trade Winds project	500,000
Pendleton School District, Oregon for dropout prevention programs	50,000
Pennsylvania Ballet, Philadelphia, PA, to expand statewide the "Accent on Dance" program which offers in-school and after-school programs for elementary and secondary students	100,000
Philadelphia Foundation, Philadelphia, PA, for a Sports and Entertainment Career Expo to expose high school students in the Philadelphia region to career opportunities in the sports industry and to assist organizations in the replication of mentoring pro	50,000
Philadelphia Health Management Corporation, Philadelphia, PA, in collaboration with the National Center for Learning Disabilities to conduct early childhood literacy training and program development activities as part of the Get Ready to Read! Initiative	100,000
Philadelphia Martin Luther King, Jr. Association for Nonviolence Inc., Philadelphia, PA, for its College for Teens program	100,000
Philadelphia Orchestra, Philadelphia, PA, to expand its educational programs	175,000
Philadelphia Safe and Sound, Philadelphia, PA, to establish schools in Strawberry Mansion and Mantua to serve as a base for family support, community services, and comprehensive youth development and after-school programs	300,000
Philadelphia Youth Orchestra, PA to expand after school arts education programs	150,000
Philadelphia Zoo, Philadelphia, PA, for the Zoo School Education program and the Junior Zoo Apprentice New Ventures program to provide at-risk students with access to science and environmental classes	250,000
Phillips School District, WI, for after school programs	270,000
Pico Union Family Resource Center, Los Angeles, CA, to expand education programs for youth and adults	100,000
Pinellas County Florida School District, St. Petersburg, Florida, for technology for Title I schools	2,000,000
Pittsburgh Cultural Trust, Pittsburgh, PA, to assist educators with professional development programs that include workshops and live performances and to bring area students to the theater for curriculum-based programs	100,000
Pittsburgh Digital Greenhouse, Pittsburgh, PA, to develop high tech curriculum in the Allegheny County area through a collaborative effort with Penn State University, University of Pittsburgh, and Carnegie Mellon University	250,000
Pittsburgh Symphony for an education and outreach program	350,000
Pittsburgh Technology Council, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, for training and technology upgrades	300,000
Pittsburgh Voyager, PA for math and science education programs	250,000
Plymouth Christian Youth Center, Minneapolis, MN, to expand arts education, after school, technology training, and other education programs	300,000
Plymouth Community Renewal Center, Louisville, Kentucky, for after school programs	15,000
Pomona Unified School District, Pomona, CA, for a Teacher Literacy Training and Technology program	400,000

Port Chester-Rye Union Free School District, Port Chester, NY, for extended day and other expenses to implement the community schools model in up to three schools	600,000
Prince Music Theater, Philadelphia, PA, to develop a comprehensive in-school and after-school program to provide at-risk youth with education and training in the arts	50,000
Prince William County Public Schools, Manassas, Virginia, for Middle School Reading and Mathematics Remediation Program	300,000
Pro Sports Outreach	50,000
Project 2000, Washington, DC, to support the continuation of Project 2000, including after-school and weekend programs which provide academic support and educational mentoring services to inner city youth in low-income housing developments in Southeastern	125,000
Project GRAD-USA Inc., in Houston, Texas for continued support and expansion of the successful school reform program.	20,000,000
Project H.O.M.E., Philadelphia, PA, for the planning and design of the Honickman Roberts Learning Center, to provide technology and computer education, youth academic enrichment, after-school programming, and adult instruction to disadvantaged residents	100,000
Project Intercept Inc., Brooklyn, NY, for mentoring programs, guidance counselors, and training for teachers, principals, and parents	200,000
Project Rainbow, Philadelphia, PA, to provide early childhood services and after-school programs as a means to address the root causes of homelessness	250,000
Public Affairs Research Council, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, for the Louisiana's District Accountability Program	100,000
Public School District 31, Staten Island, New York for library books for 4th and 5th graders	500,000
Public/Private Ventures, Philadelphia, PA, for the continued operation and expansion of the Youth Education for Tomorrow Center, as part of an after-school, literacy initiative	50,000
Range Association of Municipalities and Schools, Buhl, MN, for a technology-based teacher education program serving rural school districts in northeastern Minnesota	250,000
Ravenswood City School District, East Palo Alto, CA, for an e-learning pilot program at Belle Haven Elementary School in Menlo Park	250,000
Reach Out and Read	3,000,000
ReadNet Foundation, New York, NY, to fully implement web-based simulation educational program	100,000
Realworld Schools, Inc., Fresno, CA, for personnel, curricula, professional development, equipment and other expenses to establish the El Paso Realworld School	150,000
Recognizing Achievement-Rewarding Excellence (R.A.R.E.) Foundation, Troy, Michigan, to give teachers effective tools to motivate students in constructive career paths	300,000
Reuben Lindh Family Services, Minneapolis, MN, for its "Family Focus" preschool education program	600,000
Riverside County Office of Education, Riverside, California, to further implement and develop County Achievement Team model	500,000
Robbie Valentine STARS Club Education Program, Jeffersonville, Indiana, for sports-related mentoring program in Louisville, Kentucky	40,000

Rutgers University Law School to support a scholarship fund, public interest activities, and its work with the LEAP Academy Charter School, including the purchase of books and equipment	500,000
Rye Neck Union Free School District, Mamaroneck, NY, to implement a school-wide enrichment model program	20,000
Sacramento Housing and Redevelopment Agency, CA, in coordination with the Sacramento City Unified School District, for early childhood education, after school and parental support programs for students in the Franklin Villa community	400,000
Salt Lake City School District, Salt Lake City, Utah for an english as a second language project	200,000
San Bernadino County Superintendent of Schools, CA, to expand schools-to-careers initiatives, including the Virtual Hi-Tech High Program, the Virtual Career Library and teacher training activities	500,000
San Juan Unified School District, Carmichael, California for Focus on Literacy program	217,000
San Pasqual Academy, Escondido, California, for technology infrastructure	225,000
Santa Barbara Community Youth Performing Arts Center, Santa Barbara, CA, for salaries and expenses for the Santa Barbara Junior High Theatre	100,000
Santa Barbara High School District, Santa Barbara, CA, for the San Marcos High School Health Careers Academy	50,000
School District 24J, Salem, OR, for the West Salem High School technology program	100,000
School District of Bayfield, WI, for after school programs	295,000
School District of Beloit, WI, for telecommunications equipment and upgrades	150,000
School District of Flambeau, Tony, WI, for equipment and technology to create a national parks virtual reality education program	50,000
School District of Palm Beach County, FL, for a family literacy project including bilingual education, counseling services and distance education, and for curricula and professional development	700,000
Science and Technology Museum of Georgia, Inc., Atlanta, Georgia, for SciTrekChallenger Learning Center project	50,000
ScienceSouth, Inc., Florence, South Carolina, for science education programs, science traveling exhibits, and outreach activities	100,000
Sedro-Woolley School District, Mt. Vernon, WA, in collaboration with the Pacific Northwest Trail Association, for the Service Knowledge Youth (SKY) Education Program	300,000
Selma Youth Development Center, Selma, AL, for an "at-risk" youth intervention and training program, including professional development, school-to-work training, and conflict resolution activities	500,000
Semos Unlimited, Inc., Santa Fe, NM, to develop bilingual education materials and programs	500,000
Sewickley Area YMCA, PA for education initiatives	125,000
Shiloh Community Renewal Center, Louisville, Kentucky, for after school programs	50,000
Sioux City Community School District in Sioux City, IA to continue and expand the implementation of testing software in Iowa	800,000
Society of St. Vincent de Paul, Detroit, Michigan, for after school program	250,000
Somerset Independent Schools, Somerset, Kentucky, for High School Technology Academy	80,000



South Cook Education Consortium, Hazel Crest, IL, for its "PowerUP" education technology enhancement initiative	175,000
South County Family Educational and Cultural Center, Grover Beach, CA, for the "Computers to Youth" program and to expand education programs for students	55,000
South Shore Drill Team and Performing Arts Ensemble, Chicago, IL, for after school educational services for at-risk students	50,000
Southeast Associated Ministries, Inc., Louisville, Kentucky, for after school programs	20,000
Southeastern Pennsylvania Consortium for Higher Education (SEPCHE), Philadelphia, PA, to develop "global curriculum" challenging students to develop their knowledge of foreign languages and culture	750,000
Southern Star Development Corporation, Louisville, Kentucky, for after school programs	20,000
Space Education Initiatives Inc., Green Bay, Wisconsin, for professional development programs and technology	500,000
Springfield Public School District #19, Springfield, OR, for the "Schools Plus Plus" initiative to expand after school, academic and family outreach initiatives	500,000
St. Boniface Neighborhood Outreach Program, Inc., Louisville, Kentucky, for after school programs	50,000
St. Charles Parish School Board, Louisiana, for technology enhancements	42,000
St. Louis Children's Museum, MO, for a collaborative project with the St. Louis Public Library to create interactive exhibits and educational programs	500,000
St. Stephens Family Life Center, Louisville, Kentucky, for after school programs	50,000
St. Tammany Parish School Board, Louisiana, for technology enhancements	55,000
Stark County Park District, Canton, Ohio, for "Electronic Education Gateway" project	500,000
State College YMCA, PA for education initiatives	150,000
State of Alaska for Right Start extended-day kindergarten program	1,100,000
State of Utah, Office of Education for a computerized assessment demonstration project	700,000
Stevens Point Area School District, WI, to implement smaller learning communities	1,500,000
Superior School District, WI, for after school programs	500,000
Tacoma Public Schools, Tacoma, WA, to implement an online learning pilot project	200,000
Tangipahoa Parish School Board, Louisiana, for technology enhancements	42,000
Teach for America, New York, New York	1,000,000
Teen Tyme Productions, Inc., Anchorage, Kentucky, for positive broadcasting programs for teens	10,000
Temple Community Development Corporation, Louisville, Kentucky, C.A.N. Program for after school programs	50,000
Tensas Reunion, Inc., Newellton, LA, for instructional, technology training, and after school programs at the Tensas Charter School	200,000
Texas A&M University, Corpus Christi, TX, for education and training services at its Early Childhood Development Center	350,000
Texas Tech University System, Lubbock, Texas, to expand opportunities in math and science education for K-14 rural school districts	500,000
The Cleveland Museum of Art, Cleveland, Ohio, for ARTS.21 program	500,000
The First Tee, St. Augustine, Florida, to train instructors about how to teach the core values	1,000,000

The Gibson Foundation, Santa Monica, CA, for music education programs	250,000
The Lighthouse - A United Methodist Community Center, Louisville, Kentucky, for after school programs	30,000
The Opera Company of Philadelphia, PA for educational programs	200,000
Thornton Township High School District 205, South Holland, IL, for professional development, technology, technical assistance and other expenses to implement high school reform activities	500,000
Tides Foundation, for McKelvey entrepreneurial college scholarships to rural, low income Pennsylvania high school graduates	300,000
Tiskelwah Community Center, Charleston, West Virginia, for at-risk youth and young adult program	100,000
Tiskelwah Community Center, Charleston, West Virginia, for the Bob Burdette after school program	150,000
Titusville Area Senior High School, Titusville, Pennsylvania, for technology infrastructure	150,000
Today Foundation, Dallas, Texas, for the development of an Internet-based learning program	100,000
Toledo Public Schools, OH, for educational services for at-risk students and their families as part of the Toledo education-housing partnership pilot program	225,000
Town of Cumberland School Department for the comprehensive Middle School Education initiative	150,000
Trinity Family Life Center, Louisville, Kentucky, for after school programs	30,000
Tuckahoe Union Free School District, Eastchester, NY, for an external audit of district programs and practices, and for after school services	33,000
U.S. Dream Academy, Inc., Columbia, MD, to improve and maintain Dream Academy Learning Centers and after school programs for at-risk children with a family history of incarceration	600,000
Union Parish Public School System, LA, to implement an online assessment and interactive instructional program	200,000
United Crescent Hill Ministries, Inc., Louisville, Kentucky, for after school programs	25,000
University of Alaska Center for Excellence in Schools to assist Alaska's low performing schools with meeting the requirements of new state educational standard	1,000,000
University of Alaska Museum in Fairbanks for educational programs related in support of the Summer Arts Festival	150,000
University of Alaska System for Early Education Development program for SEED (System for Early Education Development) program to expand early childhood services for children ages 0 - 6 and to train Early Head Start teachers with AAS degrees for positions	1,800,000
University of Iowa for the Iowa and Israel: Partners in Excellence program to enhance math and science opportunities to rural Iowa students	200,000
University of Maine, Coaching Education Initiative to support a research-based curriculum development and community awareness program	400,000
University of North Texas and Paul Quinn College for a math and science teacher academy	250,000
University of Northern Iowa, in collaboration with the Waterloo Community Schools for the expansion of an early childhood development center	1,500,000

University of Pennsylvania, Graduate School of Education, PA, to establish a teacher professional development center at the University of Pennsylvania-assisted neighborhood school	1,000,000
University of South Alabama, Mobile, Alabama for the Preparatory Music Program	50,000
University of South Florida, Tampa, FL, for the Tampa Bay Consortium for the Development of Educational Leaders and the Preparation and Recruitment of Teachers	100,000
University of Southern Mississippi Frances A. Karnes Center for Gifted Studies, Hattiesburg, Mississippi, to expand gifted student summer programs	200,000
University of Texas at Tyler, TX, for math and science teacher training and curriculum development	350,000
University of West Florida, Pensacola, Florida, for Support for Teachers Enhancing Performance in Schools	500,000
Urban League of Metropolitan Denver, CO, to expand the "Urban Adventures" after school program to additional sites	350,000
Utica Zoological Society, Utica, New York, to update the educational facilities and Teacher Resource Center and update equipment	250,000
Vancouver Public Schools, Vancouver, WA, for personnel, technology, and other expenses to expand the Personalized Learning in a Connected Community Initiative	333,000
Venango County AVTS, Oil City, Pennsylvania, for technology infrastructure	100,000
Virginia Commonwealth University, Richmond, VA, for the Great Cities' Universities Urban Educator Corps Partnership Initiative	350,000
Virginia War Memorial Educational Foundation in Richmond, Virginia for program development associated with the Virginians' At War project	150,000
Voyager Expanded Learning, Dallas Texas, to implement the Voyager Universal Literacy System demonstration in the Ohio public schools	575,000
Warwick After-School Program in Warwick, Rhode Island to establish a middle school after-school program	300,000
Washington Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction, State of Washington, for development of a student data database	500,000
Washington Parish School Board, Louisiana, for technology enhancements	25,000
Wausau School District, WI, for foreign language, music and other education programs	650,000
Webster Groves School District, St. Louis, MO, for computers, and technology equipment and training	50,000
West Ed Eisenhower Regional Consortium for Science and Mathematics, San Francisco, California, for 24 Challenge and Jumping Levels Math	225,000
West Philadelphia YMCA, Philadelphia, PA, for educational and recreational programming to serve at-risk youth	250,000
West Valley City in Utah for program improvement and technology acquisition for an after school families program	250,000
Westchester Philharmonic, Hartsdale, NY, for music education programs	150,000
WestEd Eisenhower Regional Consortium for Science and Mathematics, Philadelphia, PA, for statewide expansion educational programs and curriculum	125,000
Western Governors University, Salt Lake City, Utah, for distance education programs	1,300,000
Westernaires in Golden, Colorado for outreach and educational programs for at risk youth	500,000
Westside High School, Bakersfield, California, for equipment	20,000

Wichita Public School District for staff development	250,000
Wisconsin Educational Partnerships, Inc., Chippewa Falls, WI, for a teacher professional development initiative	650,000
WQLN Educational Services, Erie, PA, to expand the F.A.M.I.L.I.E.S. Turn onto Literacy program which emphasizes entire family involvement in teaching a child to learn to read	75,000
YMCA of Anchorage for after-school enrichment programs for at-risk youth	250,000
YMCA of McKeesport, McKeesport, PA, to support the Teen LEAD	50,000
YMCA of Metropolitan Fort Worth, Texas, for Together Reaching Unity Concerning Everyone (TRUCE) project	440,000
YMCA Safe Place Services, Louisville, Kentucky, for after school programs	40,000
Yonkers Public Schools, Yonkers, NY, to implement smaller learning communities in up to four high schools	350,000
Youth Alive, Inc., Louisville, Kentucky, for after school programs	15,000
Youth Guidance of Chicago, IL, to implement the Comer School Development Program in additional schools	25,000
YouthPlaces, Pittsburgh, PA, to expand after-school programs for teenagers from high crime neighborhoods in the Sto-Rox, Wilkinsburg, Clairton and Duquesne communities	100,000
YWCA of Anchorage for after-school enrichment programs for at-risk school children and their mothers	250,000
YWCA of Anchorage Girls in Alaska for the Run and Girls on Track after school programs	50,000

The conference agreement also includes \$1,000,000 for "Foundations for Learning Grants" for the promotion of school readiness through early childhood emotional and social development, as authorized under the Fund for the Improvement of Education.

The conferees have included additional funds in this line item for the Secretary to support programs and projects that address national priorities in K-12 education.

The Secretary of Education is encouraged to examine the rapidly-growing use of hand-held computer technology and the one-to-one (computer-to-student) computing it offers in a school environment.